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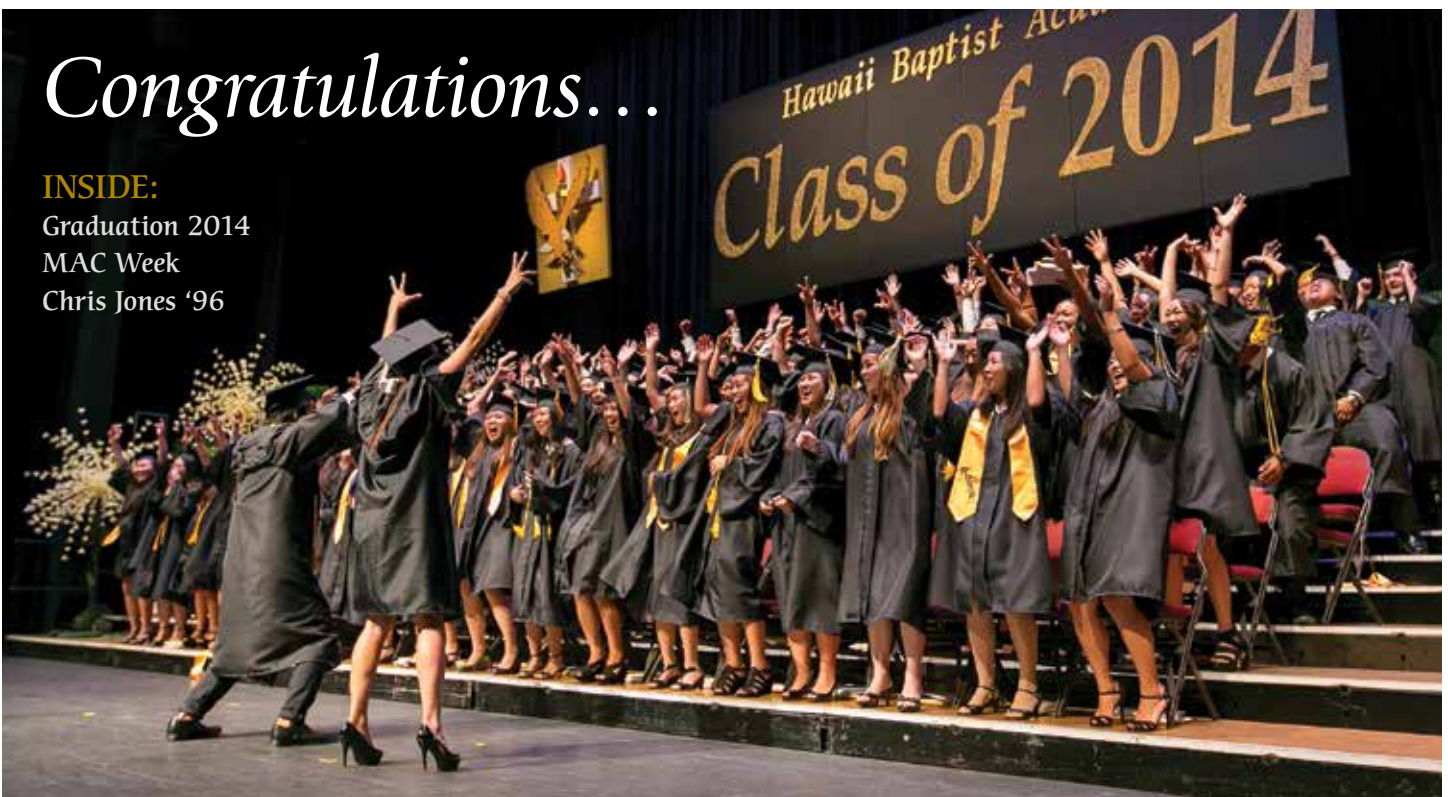
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## Hawaii Baptist Academy

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

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## Mission Statement

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# President's Message

Dear HBA Ohana:



Another school year has come and gone. In May, we bade farewell to the Class of 2014. I'm proud to say that all 119 graduates have been accepted to colleges in Hawaii and on the mainland. Thanks to the hard work and countless hours of prayer from our dedicated teachers and staff, I can confidently say that all of our graduates have been equipped with the academic tools and Christian principles they need to be successful in their studies, career or mission that God has called them to.

Additionally, we celebrated dozens of achievements and milestones that were made by all of our students, including academics, scholarships and athletics. In this edition of Soaring Eagle, we highlight all of our students' accomplishments and commend their diligence to learn.

In February, we dedicated our new Science, Arts and Technology Building with our MAC friends during our annual Mainland Advisory Council meeting. It was humbling to see our mainland friends appreciate the fruits of their giving. It is because of their love for our students that we are able to continue our school's mission and be one of the top private schools in Hawaii. God has also been faithful in financing our Capital Campaign. Two years ago, we launched a \$17 million campaign to fund land acquisitions and our high school expansion project. As of this month, we have raised over 80 percent of our goal from gifts, pledges, and designated funds. We are just \$3.4 million away from completing our goal. We ask that you continue to pray for God's provision, and what your role will be in carrying out the mission of HBA.

Following MAC Week, our Christian Ministries office hosted our annual Christian Emphasis Week at the middle school and high school. The guest speaker was Zac Hicks, a 1998 graduate who is currently the worship pastor at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Our students were also blessed to be led in worship by our dear friends from Glowing Hearts Ministries. To date, 124 students from all of our campuses made first time decisions to follow Christ this last school year! I am filled with joy and indescribable gratitude knowing that God has allowed us to be part of His plan to raise up this next generation of leaders for Him. Please continue to keep all of our new believers in your prayers as we support them on this new journey of faith.

This coming school year, we are looking forward to more blessings. When our middle school students return in the fall, they will be issued individual iPads which will replace several textbooks. We are also in the midst of developing a new website which will showcase our school to the world. Much like our new facilities, the website will be state-of-the-art and is sure to impress all of our ohana. Finally, we will be launching a new event in November called Legacy Night. Through this event, we hope to welcome our alums back to our campus, celebrate individuals who have made a remarkable impact on our school, and create an opportunity where alums and local community members can present scholarships to our students.

Thank you for supporting HBA. Your prayers and generosity will continue to leave a lasting impact on our students for eternity.

Sincerely,

**Richard T. Bento**  
President

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### On the back cover:

1. Chase Perry
2. Richard T. Bento, president, and Kurk Yi
3. Bryson Hirokawa, left, and Nicole Saiki, right
4. Ashley Young, left, and Amanda Lee, right
5. Cathryne Kimura

6. Walden Butay
  7. Brittani Hartley, left, and Alex Mai, right
  8. Amanda Lac
  9. Robert Bueche, left, and Jacob Nelson, right
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THE CLASS OF 2014 CELEBRATED THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT HBA'S 61ST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON MAY 31 AT THE NEAL S. BLAISDELL CONCERT HALL.

BRI'EL KASHIWAMURA, DANIEL KIMOTO, ELISE UYEHARA AND JENSEN VINCA WERE NAMED VALEDICTORIANS. KEVIN CHO AND ALEX MAI WERE NAMED SALUTATORIANS. BROTHERS JORDAN AND PRESTON KAUWE WERE PRESENTED WITH THE H.P. AND MARY MCCORMICK DISTINGUISHED FOUNDERS AWARD FOR CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLIFYING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER DURING THEIR YEARS AT HBA. ADDITIONALLY, 24 STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED AS THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HBA FOR ATTENDING THE SCHOOL FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12.

RYAN FRONTIERA, HIGH SCHOOL VICE PRINCIPAL AND SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR, GAVE THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 119 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014!



# Congratulations, Class of 2014!



Valedictorians, from left: Elise Uyehara, Jensen Vinca, Bri'el Kashiwamura and Daniel Kimoto.

**VALEDICTORIANS** Bri'el Kashiwamura, Daniel Kimoto, Elise Uyehara and Jensen Vinca addressed the Class of 2014. The following is an excerpt from their speech.

How many opportunities have we missed out on because fear caused us to feel too inadequate, too scared, or too uncomfortable to pursue them? Whether fear holds a person back from asking someone to prom, embracing a new challenge, pursuing the one dream that seems almost out of reach, talking to a certain group of people, or trying a new food or hobby, everyone experiences fear, which prevents us from taking the risks that help us to learn and improve.

In the past four years of high school, fear motivated me to keep up my grades, but I lost countless hours of sleep studying. I missed out on some of the unforgettable memories that my friends made without me, and I turned down opportunities to try new hobbies because I feared disappointing my family, failing some test, or not being good enough.

Fear is like a hydra – a big, ugly monster with many heads, each of which embodies a different aspect of fear. Like the hydra, fear is virtually impossible to eradicate. In Greek mythology, cutting off one head of the hydra would cause two more to appear. Life is unfair and unpredictable, and in our fallen world there is simply too much suffering and vice to render the eradication of fear a realistic option. Just when we think we've overcome one fear, say by establishing a relationship, other factors like death intervene, giving birth to two new fears – the fear of misery and the fear of developing a new relationship. It is impossible to kill this hydra. Rather, we must constantly battle the attitude of apathy and indifference that these fears may impel us to embrace. We cannot let the fear of failure prevent us from taking risks and striving to reach our full potential; we cannot let the fear of relationships cause us to harden our hearts and turn away from the needs of others; we cannot let the fear of

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the unknown prevent us from stepping outside our comfort zones and trying hard things; we cannot let the fear of rejection prompt us to forsake our beliefs and adapt ourselves to a certain norm; nor can we let the fear of misery prevent us from pursuing happiness and living the life God planned for us.

So how are we to overcome this ominous hydra? Think about those times when you did reach out of your comfort zone and take that risk. That one decision to overcome fear could have led to, say, the discovery of a new hobby or even the meeting of that significant other. That reminds me of a time when I took a step out of my comfort zone. Looking at me, you would never take me as an athletic type of person, and well, you're right, I am not an athletic type of person. But during my freshman year, I decided to step out of my comfort zone and join a sport. Out of all the available sports, I ended up choosing track because it didn't seem like it required a skill like the other sports. I mean all you have to do is run around in circles, right? But because I took that risk to join track, I became a state champion track star... is what I wish I could testify. But no, I didn't become anything special when it came to running track; in fact, I actually felt more embarrassed when I did run in front of everyone, finishing last place most if not all of the time. This just proved the fears I felt before joining track, so why am I telling you this? Well, it's because even though my fears were proven to be true, I don't regret my decision at all. Joining track actually taught me a lot about perseverance and character, and it helped me to meet new friends and make lasting memories. My fear of embarrassing myself was in fact something I had to face, but in hindsight, taking that risk was worth it.



**1)** L-R: Alex Mai, salutatorian; Elise Uyehara, valedictorian; Jensen Vinca, valedictorian; Bri'el Kashiwamura, valedictorian; Daniel Kimoto, valedictorian; and Kevin Cho, salutatorian. **2)** L-R: Preston Kauwe, left, and Jordan Kauwe, center, were presented the H.P. and Mary McCormack Distinguished Founders Award by Richard T. Bento, president. **3)** Carly Ishihara **4)** Micah Ito **5)** L-R: Jaryn Ramos and Caleb Andrew Miyasato **6)** L-R: Jennifer Bunch, Amanda Lee and Sarah Holden

Class of 2014, as we take the step into a new chapter in life, we will continue to face fears. We have a choice though, do we allow these fears to dictate our lives or do we choose to take that risk? Yes, some fears will be proven true, but in the end we have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Additionally, God is always present. He is in control of the unknown, He will always accept us, He will never fail us, He forgives our failure, and He comforts us in the midst of misery. That is why the Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

As we move on into the next phase of our lives we have to decide. We can choose to focus on our fears and live imprisoned by our anxieties, or we can choose to focus on the possibilities and grow in spite of our fears. Even if our fears may be right once in a while, we'll never know for sure until we take risks and go beyond our limits.

**Ryan Frontiera, high school vice principal and senior class advisor, presented the commencement address. The following is an excerpt from his speech.**

As we celebrate the next phase of your life, and look ahead to this upcoming adventure, I want to encourage you to do four things to make the most of your time: show up, find things you love, celebrate who God made you to be, and engage the world around you.

The first thing I'd encourage you to do is show up. ...You might not know anyone at the school you are attending in the fall, and that's fine. You're going to meet all kinds of new and interesting people that you'll relate to in totally new ways. You are going to get the chance to take part in so many new experiences that you never have before. Grab flyers, check out fun concerts, join campus clubs, play intramurals, explore the cities you live in. Check out different ministries on campus and join a Bible study for yourself and grow in your faith on your own – not because your school or parents make you.

...When Jesus called His disciples, He said two simple words to them: "follow me." They were

completely unqualified for the things He had in store for them, but because they showed up when He called them, they experienced a life far richer and more beautiful than they ever could have imagined.

This next stage of your life should make you more of an individual and not just a member of the crowd. God created you with unique desires and interests. Find those things that resonate with your passions and echo who you are, and fall in love with them.

...The third thing I'd hope for you all is that you learn to celebrate yourself rightly, and appreciate that you were created by one who knows you and loves you more than you can imagine. This is not an invitation to be annoying or arrogant, but you should look for chances to acknowledge how you have been uniquely designed.

The fourth thing that I'd urge you to do is to engage the world around you in real and meaningful ways. Already, you guys are deeply aware of the fact that the world we live in is a messed up place. As you grow older, your capacity to see the world and its brokenness will expand.

...Author Stephen Garber states that the hardest challenge is to truly see the world and still choose

to love it. That is now your challenge. ...Find causes that matter and seek to live a meaningful life in the midst of immense triviality.

Just as I encouraged you to "show off" who God made you to be, recognize the callings that He has placed inside each one of you and act upon them. You don't need to finish college to impact the world; rather, you can begin making an impact on the world immediately. Your time at HBA has prepared you to do this, and you shouldn't wait to dive in to causes you care about.

Go on to the next phase of your life and show up. Pursue the things you love, and celebrate all of the glorious and awesome things God has done to make you, you. Finally, listen to the calling He has placed in your heart to address the broken and hurting world we live in. Choose to engage the world and become a part of the story Christ is telling through you.



# CLASS OF 2014

Rio Abe  
Arllyn Sachiko Au  
Jolie Wynn Eriko Ayabe ★  
Randall Jeff Baniaga ♥  
Jasmine Yuri Berndt ★  
Joseph William Brown, III  
Robert Joseph Bueche +  
Jennifer Joy Bunch +  
Michael James Burton  
Walden Emmanuel Baxa Butay, Jr. +△  
Alexander L. Camerino  
Ryan Won Bae Chang ★△♥  
Nathan Oi Ming Cheong +♥  
Kevin Jay Son Cho ★△  
Alix Dawn Cortez ♥  
Keelen Seiichi Custino  
Michelle Bella David  
Madison Elizabeth Davis ★△  
Sivan Abigail Eckert +♥  
David James Eghan  
Sheryne Akemi Garalde  
Jennifer Sachiko Gonsalves ♥  
Shane Kin Nung Goo  
Joslyn K. Hamada ★△  
Brittani J.A. Hartley ★  
Blake Kenji Hedani  
Brenden T.M. Higa +♥  
Dane Pi'ikea Sanjiro Higuchi  
Bryson John Hirokawa  
Sarah Jae Mei Holden ♥  
Michelle Misako Horio ★△  
Lane Toshiyuki Hosaka +  
Kelly Mei Howell  
Jonathan Edward Huster ★△  
Geoffrey J. Ing  
Kayla Jade Sachiko Inouye +  
Taylor Rei Ishida  
Carly A. Ishihara  
Micah Tetsuo Ito +△  
Henry Hong Jin  
Kyle Tetsuo Lai Kadomoto ★△

Tara Lyndsey Kiyomi Kagimoto ♥  
Bri'el Rachel Seiko Kashiwamura ★△♥  
Jordan E. Kauwe  
Preston P. Kauwe  
Daniel Makanaakua Kimoto ★△♥  
Cathryne Arisa Kimura +  
Joshua Koichi Kinoshita  
Matthew Masao Kishaba +△  
Chad Takeo Kon ★♥  
Corey L. Koyamatsu ★  
Vivian Kuo  
Amanda Kay Lac ★△♥  
Jarett N. T. Lau  
Amanda Mie Chiu Feng Lee ♥  
Lindsey L.K. Lee  
Matthew David Lee ♥  
Nicolas C.A. Lum  
Alex Pei Hui Mai ★  
Cherise Noriko-Cadiz Masuda  
Cassandra Mari Matsushige +△  
Ryan T. Mickelsen ★  
Caleb Andrew Tsuyoshi Miyasato  
Sean Masayori Motogawa ★  
Kaitlyn H. Mukai ★△  
Averi Aiko Murakami  
David Masao Nakanishi ★  
Kelsey Michiko Nakanishi +  
Jacob Peter Nelson +  
Lindsey Makanani Nishimiya  
Lawrence Yee Chiao Ong  
Nicholas Taylor Kahailiopua Chun Ordenstein  
Christian Evan Oshiro  
Daniel Kentaro Oshiro  
Darlene Echalar Palma  
Darian Mee San Pang ♥  
Mary Elizabeth Kinuyo Pascual ★△  
Micah Gamboa Pascual ★△  
Chase Ryo Kiakahi Perry ♥  
Christian Keel Gonzaga Pingree  
Keahi Kenji Oue  
Jaryn Lindsey Ann Naomi Ramos

Matthew Spencer Wilson Saiki ★  
Nicole Chiemi Saiki +△  
Westin Satoshi Saito  
Darin Justin Sasaki  
Ansleigh Catalina Seaver ★△  
Mark Hideo Kit Shiroma  
Jason Koyei Shon ★♥  
Blaise S. Sugita  
Kimo Zachary Yra Tago ★△  
Kylee Sachiko Takata  
Tomie Anne Hatsuko Tamura  
Alicia Pualani Tang ♥  
Chaney Etsuko Takiguchi ★  
Kyra Yi Run Mie Tengan ♥  
Dominique Marie Makanaonālani Times  
Torey K.E. Tokumaru  
Trent Tadashi Tsukimura ♥  
Elise Aiko Uyehara ★△  
Brent Keanu Vargas  
Kane Kaito Verity +  
Jensen Kamalani Vinca ★△  
Warren Yun-Kin Wakuzawa + ♥  
Zoe Pui Ying Wang  
Shane M. W. Witsell  
Dallas J.K.T. Wong  
Alice S.M. Wu  
Cody Keiji Yamaguchi  
Evan Allen Yamaguchi  
Lexi Anne Harumi Yamamoto  
Ashley Nicole Aiko Omori-Yamashiro  
Kelsea Chieko Yamashita ★  
Bryn Hisae Yasui  
Amanda Yee ★  
Mary Elizabeth Yuen Yee Yeh ★△♥  
Kurk Toby Yi  
Airi Yoshioka ★  
Ashley Kawehiwehionalani Young ♥

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

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# Mr. & Miss HBA 2014

By HBA's "The Light" 2013–2014 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.**

## Ryan Chang, Mr. HBA

This year's Mr. HBA is, among other things, a combination of a forthright personality and a hard working nature. He is honest, earnest, and guileless. There is never a need to guess with this Mr. HBA. A jovial nature accompanies his servant's heart; here is a young man willing to humbly lead from the back. Where it is often difficult to do the right thing, he can be found doing that and more, often with a smile. Challenges in his life as a student are dwarfed by his Herculean will and unwillingness to settle for anything but his best effort. His report card and participation in different academic teams testify to his intelligence, and his work ethic is responsible for the lion's share of his success in these pursuits. His athletic endeavors tell a similar story; his coaches will never call him a "me guy." Instead, they will remember his lack of ego, dedication, and overall grit. Some champions never sweat; this one sweats a lot. A Son of HBA, he is also known for his commitment in campus groups, reliably counting coins for NHS or cheerfully leading MAC visitors around campus as a member of the President's Aloha Council. He is a friendly voice and helping hand to his friends, and his teachers know him as a trustworthy and tireless worker who will often stay late after class to ask a question or help clean up the room. Friends, family, and faculty, let us recognize Ryan Chang as this year's Mr. HBA. He does not always need to be the smartest or the strongest, but his character is such that he will always be improving himself and helping those around him. The school is excited and proud to recognize you, Ryan, as a distinguished son. You will be remembered for always giving your best and serving anyone around you.

## Micah Pascual, Miss HBA

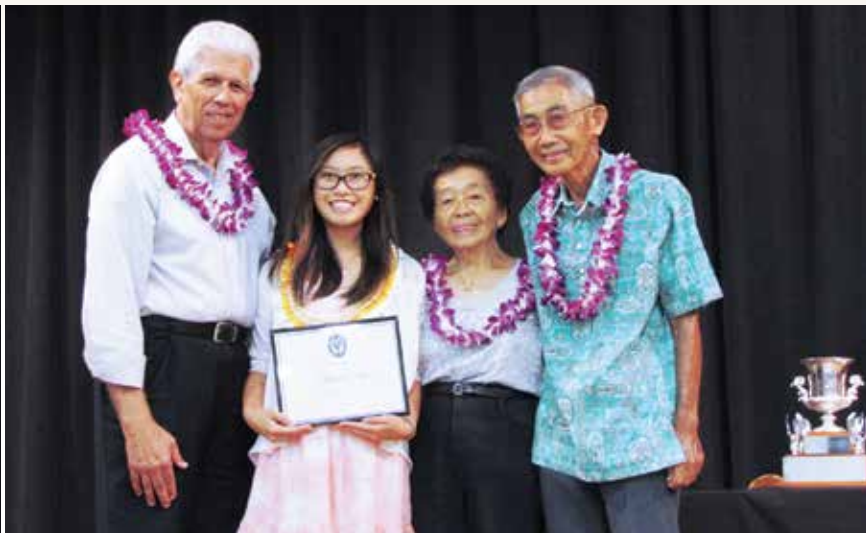
Miss HBA has touched us with her kindness as she lives out what Colossians 3:12 says: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Her gracious smile, the symbol of her welcoming personality, made a first impression on us. With humility toward others, Miss HBA dedicated herself to service including visiting with the elderly regularly over the course of years, leading in the National Honor Society, and guiding a group of women in Servant Group. For Miss HBA, humility is also a sign of her reliance on God. She looks to the Lord for her strength and provision. He is the one who provides when the need is beyond her, and she gives Him the credit. Humility and gentleness must not be confused with weakness, however. Paradox is the idea that two seemingly contradictory

characteristics can both be true. Miss HBA is a woman of contrasts. She is sweet and tough, soft and determined, delicate and strong. Toughness and determination are also part of the character of Miss HBA. Instead of choosing comfort, Miss HBA did the hard thing to further her educational opportunities, including leaving friends to have a more challenging curriculum at HBA, taking AP Physics even if it is a growth area, and traveling to another campus to train in ROTC. As a cheerleader, she is an example of strength and gracefulness. A cheerleader is feminine and dresses up while doing dangerous stunts. A cheerleader must look excited and fresh while doing the sweat producing work. A cheerleader succeeds when she works for the victory of another. We are grateful you came to cheer for us. You brought joy and enthusiasm that made our days brighter. You brought determination that renewed our desire to shoot higher. You brought a love for the Lord that reminds us that it is good to rely on His mercy. Now we cheer for you, Micah Pascual. Thank you for blessing our lives with your fun spirit, your kindness, and your witness of Christ.

Micah Pascual and Ryan Chang,  
Miss and Mr. HBA 2014



# Middle School & High School Awards



**Left:** Daniel Kimoto, left, receives the Reverend O.W. "Dub" Efur Memorial Scholarship from President Bento. Kimoto is also the recipient of the Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Scholarship. **Right:** Amanda Lac, second from the left, receives the Kilohana Kai Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong. From left to right: President Bento, Amanda Lac, Mrs. Evelyn Chang and Mr. Richard Yaginuma.

## Bible

### Excellence in Bible 7

Adam Kikuta, Nicole Tommee

### Excellence in Bible 8

Lucas Chun, Camille Oga

### Excellence in New Testament

Paige Oshiro, Davis Tsuha

### Excellence in Old Testament

Hellen Chen, Chester Hui

### Excellence in Christian Thought

Megan Horita, BJ Hosaka,  
Nicholas Ordenstein, Darlene Palma

## English

### Best Overall in English

Kristin Lau, Brandon Okazaki

### Top Grammarian

Reanne Inafuku

### Best Overall in English

Michael Ito, Jackie Morgan

### Outstanding Novelist

Jessie Lin

### Outstanding Poet

Aurora Takiguchi, Bela Takiguchi

### Spelling Bee Winner

Jalen Sur

### State Spelling Bee Qualifier

Reanne Inafuku

### Outstanding in English 9

Ryan Lee, Paige Oshiro

### Outstanding in English 10

Chester Hui, Sydney Suzuki

### Outstanding in English 11

Megan Horita, Jana Sasaki

### Outstanding in English 12

Jonathan Huster, Chad Kon,  
Daniel Kimoto

### Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition

Mary Yeh, Madison Davis

### Excellence in Public Speaking

Nicole Saiki

### Outstanding Communication Skills

Dallas Wong, Brenden Higa

### Shakespeare Recitation

Jonathan Huster

### Excellence in Video Production

Walden Butay

### Excellence in Video Editing

Jaryd Sugihara, Danielle Woo

### Excellence in Videography

Christian Oshiro, Keelen Custino

### Excellence in Feature Writing

Kara Marushige, Bryn Yasui

### Excellence in Sports Writing

Walden Butay

### Newspaper Production—

#### Most Valuable Staffer

Walden Butay

### Yearbook Production—

#### Most Valuable Staffer

Alexander Camerino,  
Raegan Nakama

## PE and Health

### Outstanding Female in Physical Education and Health

Caily Okazaki

### Outstanding Male in Physical Education and Health

Payton Lee

### Outstanding Performance in Health and Fitness

Dru Pang, Lucas Chun,  
Lilarose Smith, Kristin Moniz

### Outstanding Female Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Saki Le, Tasha Wang

### Outstanding Male Grade 9 Physical Education Student

John Killough, Davis Tsuha

### Outstanding Female Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Stephanie Dang, Chambre  
Mangiarelli, Kimberly Masuda

### Outstanding Male Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Dillon Kodama

## Visual and Performing Arts

### Fabulous in Fine Arts 7

Payton Lee, Kacie Kaneshiro

### Fantastic in Fine Arts 8

Anika Keuning, Timothy Chang

### Thriving Thespian

Joshua (JP) Matsumoto,  
Blythe Yoshikane

### Outstanding Student in Beginning Band

Rena Takatsuka, Courtney Lee

### Outstanding Student in Intermediate Band

Tani Takushi, Kaylie Hayashida

### Outstanding Member in High School Beginning Band

Ty Wakabayashi

### Outstanding Member in Concert Band

Madison Mizuno

### Outstanding Freshman Student in Wind Ensemble

Khristian Vinca

### Outstanding Junior in Wind Ensemble

Daniel Traylor

### Outstanding Senior in Wind Ensemble

Joshua Kinoshita

### Overall Excellence in Leadership and Achievement

Daniel Oshiro

### Spring Semester Drama King

Brent Vargas

### Drama Ace (Five Semesters)

Jonathan Huster, Micah Pascual,  
Alix Cortez

### Fall Semester Drama King

Jonathan Huster

### Fall Semester Drama Queen

Carly Ishihara

### Spring Semester Drama Queen

Micah Pascual

### Aspiring Artist

Maia Kawelo & Dakota Bates



**Left:** Micah Mitchell, left, recipient of the Soaring Eagle Award (Academic Excellence for Grade 8), with Dakota Bates, right, the recipient of the Ka'imī na'auao (Seeker of Wisdom) Award. **Right:** Taylor Ishida, second from the left, receives the Sue Nishikawa Scholarship. From left to right: President Bento, Taylor Ishida, Mrs. Faith McFatrige and Mrs. Naomi Masuno.

#### **Outstanding Artist Award**

Kayci Kumashiro, Kelli Akiyama, Esther Chang, Kyle Higa, Connie Huang, Nicolas Caballes, Alexa Yoo

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Beginning Programming 8**

Michael Johnson

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Introduction to Programming**

Gavin Arucan, Michelle Chan

#### **Best Director**

Jasmine Berndt

#### **Outstanding Artist Award**

Jolie Ayabe, Riley Cammack, Madison Davis, Michelle David, Mikayla Mau, Jana Sasaki, Rika Shinsato, Kylie Tamaki, Kelsea Yamashita, Airi Yoshioka

#### **Outstanding Drafting & Design Student**

Nicole Lopes

### **World Languages**

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1**

Judithanne Young

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2**

Hellen Chen

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3**

Jeffrey Liang

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 4**

Zoe Wang

#### **Outstanding Achievement in French 3**

Alecia Griffin, Joyce Lee

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1**

Ryan Lee, Ty Minatoya

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2**

Chambre Mangiarelli, Dillon Kodama

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3**

Jana Sasaki, Brandon Nakamura

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 4**

Carly Ishihara, Jordan Kauwe

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 5**

David Nakanishi

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1**

Samuel Hixon, Makenzie Cammack

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2**

Anna Young

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3**

Jessica Truesdell

#### **Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4**

Bri'el Kashiwamura

#### **Overall Excellence in Chinese**

Amanda Yee

#### **Overall Excellence in Japanese**

Michelle Horio

### **Mathematics**

#### **Outstanding Student in Math 7**

Emily White, Tyler Mishima

#### **Outstanding Student in Algebra 1**

Zachary Fujita, Taija Nakakura

#### **Outstanding Student in Algebra 2-10**

Zoe Lilo

#### **Outstanding Student in Algebra 2-Honors**

Chester Hui, Tasha Wang, Michael Tawata

#### **Outstanding Student in Algebra 3**

Jessica Truesdell

#### **Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus**

Alecia Griffin

#### **Outstanding Student in Trigonometry**

Catherine Piper

#### **HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer**

Bri'el Kashiwamura

#### **HBA Mathematics Team Most Valuable Member**

Daniel Kimoto

#### **Outstanding Student in Advanced Algebra w/ Financial Applications**

Kane Verity

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

Chad Kon

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

Elise Uyehara

#### **Outstanding Student in AP Statistics**

Chaney Takiguchi

#### **Outstanding Student in Discrete Mathematics w/ Probability**

Kane Verity

#### **Outstanding Student in Foundations of Calculus**

Jacob Nelson

#### **Outstanding Student in Geometry**

Dylan Tsuruda, Kellie Akiyama, Maria Agnesi Gaetana

#### **Mathematics Service Award**

Daniel Kimoto, Elise Uyehara, Michelle Horio

### **Social Studies**

#### **Outstanding Excellence in Geography**

Sydney Settsu, Joy Yukumoto

#### **American History 8 Knowledge Awards**

Joel Lau, Brant Yamamoto

#### **American History 8 Outstanding Student**

Timothy Chang, Anika Keuning

#### **Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9**

Samuel Hixon, Eliesse Hihara

#### **Outstanding Student in Government 9**

April Laxamana, Paige Oshiro

#### **Outstanding US History 10 Student**

Chester Hui, Jordyn Wang

#### **Outstanding Modern World History 11 Student**

Charisse Agraan, Gavin Low

# Middle School & High School Awards



**Left:** Five students received the White Ohana College Scholarships. From left to right: President Bento, Taylor White, Emily White, Lindsey Nishimiya, Robert Bueche, Kylee Rimando, Michelle Horio, Taylor Ishida, Winona White ('83) and Patrick White. **Right:** Rylie Sumimoto, recipient of the L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award.

## Outstanding AP World History Student

Megan Horita

## Outstanding Economics Student

Daniel Kimoto, Kelsea Yamashita

## Outstanding Student in Political Science 12

Jensen Vinca, Mary Yeh

## Outstanding AP US Government Student

Joseph Brown

## Social Science Scholar

Joseph Brown

## Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial Team One

Aaron Wilford

## Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial Team Two

Daniel Oshiro

## Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial Team Three

Walden Butay

## Outstanding Witness, Mock Trial Team One

Joshua Namba

## Outstanding Witness, Mock Trial Team Two

Joyce Lee

## Outstanding Witness, Mock Trial Team Three

Alix Cortez

## Outstanding Newcomer, Mock Trial Team One

Bradley Wong

## Outstanding Newcomer, Mock Trial Team Two

Darian Pang

## Outstanding Newcomer, Mock Trial Team Three

Alyssa Futa

## Science

### Outstanding Student in Science 7

Reanne Inafuku, Chase Yara

### Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8

Jamie Lee, Joshua Fujita

### Outstanding Student in Biology

Samuel Hixon, Kayci Kumashiro

### Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Chester Hui, Sydney Suzuki

### Outstanding Student in Forensics

BJ Hosaka, Jasmine Berndt

### Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry

Christian Castillo, Kyle Castillo, Jana Sasaki

### Outstanding Student in AP Environmental Science

Paige Avery

### Outstanding Student in Physics

Chad Kon, Jolie Ayabe

### Outstanding Student in AP Biology

Jonathan Huster, Madison Davis

### Outstanding Student in AP Physics

Elise Uyehara, Daniel Kimoto

## Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Awards

### PTF High Achievement Award

#### Grade 10

Hellen Chen, Keisha Ching, Stephanie Dang, Shaynie Fukuda, Nathan Hishinuma, Chester Hui, Chambre Mangiarelli, Jantzen Nakai, Elissa Ota, Sydney Suzuki, Madison Tanabe, Kylie Yamauchi, Anna Young

#### Grade 11

Alecia Griffin, Dylan-John Loo, Jana Sasaki, Rylie Wada

## PTF Service Award

### Grade 7

Rena Takatsuka, Dakota Bates

### Grade 8

Cody Sugai, Amber Liu

### Grade 9

Davis Tsuha, Paige Oshiro

### Grade 10

Joshua Namba, Anna Young

### Grade 11

BJ Hosaka, Danielle Toda

### Grade 12

Robert Bueche, Amanda Lac

## Special Awards and Service Recognition

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

Rylie Sumimoto

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

Daniel Kimoto

### Mallory Katherine Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Scholarship

Daniel Kimoto

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

Amanda Lac

### Sue Nishikawa Scholarship

Taylor Ishida

### White Ohana College Scholarships

Robert Bueche, Ryan Chang, Michelle Horio, Taylor Ishida, Lindsey Nishimiya, Kylee Rimando

## National Honor Society Inductees

### Grade 11

Kayla Ippongi, Alexa Nucum, Rylie Sumimoto

## Grade 10

Rachel Amano, Keisha Ching, Stephanie Dang, Isaac Emoto, Jade Hashimoto, Marissa Kwon, Chambre Mangiarelli, Shannon Mau, Madison Tanabe, Anna Young, Jeffrey Zhang

## Grade 9

Nicolas Caballes, Makenzie Cammack, Shalev Eckert, Renee Galolo, Eliesse Hihara, Samuel Hixon, Connie Huang, Erin Kaneshiro, Kayci Kumashiro, April Joy Laxamana, Jennifer Le, Lauren Lee, Ryan Lee, Ty Minatoya, Joshua Nakanishi, Samantha Nucum, Paige Oshiro, Chandelle Takahashi, David Toda, Allyson Trang, Davis Tsuha, Sarah Uehara, Alexa Yoo, Jeron Young, Judithanne Young

## National Merit Scholarship Program

### Letter of Commendation in the 2014 National Merit Program

Daniel M. Kimoto

### Semi-Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

Geoffrey J. Ing

### Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

Brittani J. A. Hartley

### Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

Elise A. Uyehara

## Special Middle School Awards

### Soaring Eagle (Academic Excellence for Grade 8)

Micah Mitchell

### Ka 'imi na 'auao (Seeker of Wisdom)

Dakota Bates

# Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration



**From left to right:** Josiah Kaaa and Kelsey Ota, recipients of the Citizenship Award; Cobi Pimental and Lyric Albios, recipients of the J.O.Y. Award; and Ridge Wada and Marissa Uehara, recipients of the All Around Awards. Photo by Dennis Kaida.

## President's Awards for Academic Excellence

Courtney Arume  
Kailey Chang  
Tatiana Chang  
Gabrielle Chun  
Kaimilani Dunklee  
Jade Hagihara  
Kathryn Harada  
Lia Honbo  
Kailee Ishikawa  
Jordyn Kobayashi  
Julianne Lau  
Zach Lau  
Maya Liao  
Joshua Machida  
Summer Mae  
Jessica Matsuda  
Alyssa Mayeshiro  
Elyse Nakano  
Natalie Narito  
Luke Okamura  
Kelsey Ota  
Jenna Serikaku  
Stacen Suzuki  
Lance Tasaka  
Aimee Terashima  
Anna Uehara  
Ridge Wada  
Cydni Yoshida

## High Academic Average Awards

Gabrielle Chun  
Jade Hagihara  
Kathryn Harada  
Alyssa Mayeshiro  
Natalie Narito  
Kelsey Ota  
Cydni Yoshida

## Citizenship Award

Josiah Kaaa  
Kelsey Ota

## J.O.Y. Award

Lyric Albios  
Cobi Pimental

## All Around Awards

Ridge Wada  
Marissa Uehara

**The Class Of 2020** celebrated their achievements at HBA's elementary school on May 24, as they readied for their next adventure in middle school. This year, seven students received high academic average awards for earning straight A's each quarter during their sixth grade year. Twenty-eight students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, an honor which is given to students who have an A- average or better during the first three quarters of their sixth grade year, and score at least 85 percentile on standardized testing in reading and math.

Six students were recognized by their peers and named the winners of the following awards: Josian Kaaa and Kelsey Ota, Citizenship Award; Lyric Albios and Colbi Pimental, J.O.Y. Award; and Marissa Uehara and Ridge Wada, All Around Awards.



*The Class of 2020. Photo by Dennis Kaida.*

# Athletic Awards

By Deren Oshiro, Athletic Director



HBA's 2014 special award winners for athletics. From left to right: Rylie Wada, junior; BJ Hosaka, junior; Ryan Chang, senior; Jordan Kauwe, senior; Elise Uyehara, senior; Lane Hosaka, senior; and Amanda Lac, senior.

## Students Feted at HBA Athletic Banquet

**About 320 students**, coaches, administrators, parents and guests gathered at the HBA Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet on May 24.

The annual event, held for the fourth 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 various varsity teams and sports, so it serves as a time of fellowship and is an uplifting way to culminate each sports year.

Four teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Championship or State Championship. These were girls basketball (ILH), boys volleyball (State), girls bowling (ILH), and boys bowling (ILH).

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 for the luncheon event.

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

### Special individual award winners were:

#### *Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards*

Male – **Lane Hosaka** (bowling, soccer, track & field)

Female – **Amanda Lac** (bowling)

#### *Athletes of the Year*

Male – **Jordan Kauwe** (basketball, volleyball) &

**BJ Hosaka** (basketball, volleyball)

Female – **Rylie Wada** (basketball, volleyball)

#### *Robert Fulford Scholar-Athlete Awards*

Male – **Ryan Chang** (cross country, air riflery, volleyball)

Female – **Elise Uyehara** (cross country, track & field)

## HBA Honored for School Excellence

**For the seventh consecutive year** – and eighth time in nine 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 nine years of the program.

Over 70% of the HBA student body competed in at least one ILH sport in the 2013-2014 school year and over 40% of those students participated in multiple sports. Well over 90% 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, and girls basketball. HBA also captured the division II state championship for boys volleyball and finished runner-up in states for both boys and girls bowling.

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 various 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 14 at the Hawaii Convention Center. All told, HMSA presented over \$88,000 in awards and scholarships to the winning schools and to the 21 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.

HMSA now has awarded over \$800,000 in scholarships and gifts over the nine years of their Kaimana Awards program.

# Faye Takushi Receives Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Award

## Takushi Recognized for Leadership at All Campuses



Faye Takushi receives the 2014 Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Award. From left to right: Hayden Hu, HBA Board Member and former HBA parent; Lorna Hu, former HBA parent; Faye Takushi, HBA English teacher and English Department Co-Chair; Rachel Hu ('05); and Trevor Hu ('09).

**Hawaii Baptist Academy's Faye Takushi**, English teacher and English Department Co-Chair, has been named the winner of the 2014 Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award.

"I couldn't believe I got this award. I'm not a frontline teacher and definitely prefer 'working backstage,' but I'm very grateful to the Hu family, the three principals, and Mr. Shiira and Mr. Bento for this recognition of my service. It's been a privilege to serve alongside them and my colleagues here at HBA," Takushi said.

"Because I teach at the high school, I know exactly what these sixth graders need to know and be able to do. So when I step into their classrooms, the sequence is clear in my mind."

The award began nine years ago by former HBA parents Hayden and Lorna Hu, as a gift of gratitude to outstanding faculty members at HBA. The award is named after their children, Rachel ('05) and Trevor ('09).

"It is our way of recognizing exceptional teachers

that go above and beyond in their academic mission and also demonstrate excellence in the Christian mission of Hawaii Baptist Academy," Lorna Hu said.

For the Hus, Takushi is exemplary in her dedication to create a solid school-wide English/Language Arts curriculum and literacy skills instruction sequence. Over the past 12 years, she has worked on both the elementary and high school campuses. At the elementary school, she has worked with various fourth through sixth grade teachers by helping with unit planning, developing curriculum, and modeling instruction. Along with the former elementary school curriculum team and former AP World History teacher Maurine King, she developed and guided the implementation of the sixth grade Humanities curriculum and is currently working with teachers from all three campuses to refine the reading comprehension instruction of non-fiction

texts across the disciplines. Takushi also tutors during the sixth grade intervention period twice a week and has led various language arts, social studies and science professional learning community groups among HBA's faculty members. The best part of her "elementary hat," though, is teaching grammar to the sixth graders every Tuesday.

"Because I teach at the high school, I know exactly what these sixth graders need to know and be able to do. So when I step into their classrooms, the sequence is clear in my mind. And because I've been on both campuses for so long, I get to see the results of the grammar curriculum when my former elementary students get to high school. It's really exciting! And I always look forward to planning for the next school year," Takushi said.

At the middle and high schools, Takushi serves as English Department Co-Chair along with Dynah Ustare, teaches one English class, evaluates the speech proficiency of all ninth and tenth grade students and serves as a faculty editor for the Eagle Eye student newspaper.

"I'm privileged to be part of the English department. The English and journalism teachers work their butts off to get our students prepared for college, so it's music to our ears when, year after year, former graduates boast that college English was easy or that a professor held up their essay as the gold standard for the class. A huge shout-out to my department!"

Additionally, Takushi volunteers her personal time over the summer break to revise and lay out all three of the school's student handbooks and catalogues.

"Faye Takushi has been the mainstay of the English department and her commitment and boldness to initiate curricular changes has benefitted the reading and writing skills of our students," said Marsha Hirae, high school principal.

Takushi joined HBA's faculty as an English teacher in 1990, and became English Department Chair in 1995. She has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Baylor University, and a master's degree in English from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her husband, Brent ('85), is a physical education teacher at Kamehameha Schools. Both of their children, Blaise, 15, and Tani, 13, attend HBA.



Faye Takushi receives the Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Award. From left to right: Richard Bento, president; Amy Vorderbruegge, elementary school principal; Hayden Hu, HBA board member and former HBA parent; Lorna Hu, former HBA parent; Faye Takushi, English teacher and English Department Co-Chair; Rachel Hu ('05); Trevor Hu ('09); and George Honzaki, middle school principal.



Elementary students welcome Jim and Janet Granade, Stone Mountain, Ga., and MAC Chair Wade Johnson, Atlanta, Ga., and his wife, Charlotte, at MAC Week.



**Top:** Senior Walden Butay, center, with Malinda, left, and Jason Mori ('59), right, of Alexandria, Va. **Bottom:** Diane Ford, left, of Waxahachie, Texas, paints a stained glass mural with Hailey Arita, right, third grader.

## HBA Celebrates 65th Anniversary with MAC Friends

### Donor Wall Unveiled at New Arts & Science Building

By Christina Yasutomi

**Hawaii Baptist Academy celebrated its 65th anniversary** with the Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) during the school's annual MAC Week in February. To honor the momentous occasion, the school's history and heritage were highlighted multiple times throughout the week with videos, presentations by students, and personal testimonies from students, faculty, and alumni. During the Wednesday evening program, Kiyo Itokazu ('54), one of the members of HBA's first graduating class, reminisced about his experience at HBA, and testified how HBA laid the foundation for his preparation for the ministry. John and Diane Hom, retired HBA teachers, shared some of their fondest memories of the late HBA President Emeritus Colonel Stanley Sagert, who passed away on January 25. Retiring early from the Air Force to "take the helm of a small Christian school," Col. Sagert led HBA "from near extinction to high distinction," John said.

In spite of the termite-ridden buildings and budget shortfall (in 1970), "Stan had an enthusiasm and faith in God that HBA was God's school that was contagious and compelling," reflected Diane. Having worked with the Colonel as both a teacher and academic dean, she observed that his guiding principles of decision making were: "First, what is best for the students? Second, what is best for the teachers?" Diane also noted that he named the eagle, which now sits in the HBA trophy case, Endurance. "HBA certainly does endure today because of him and our Lord Jesus Christ," Diane said.

At the high school, MAC members celebrated the grand opening of the new Arts & Science Building and the renovated Learning Resource Center. Students led MAC members on tours of the new facilities and expressed their appreciation for their new learning spaces. A dedication ceremony for the new facilities was held, followed by the unveiling of the donor wall. The dedication ceremony marked the end of HBA's high school expansion project which began two years ago. The total project, which includes costs for land acquisitions and the construction of the senior pavilion, cost \$17 million. As of June 2014, the school has reached 80 percent of its goal with a remaining \$3.4 million to raise.

For the second year in a row, MAC members participated in art projects with students at the elementary school during their visit. The first project involved making a bracelet, or bookmark, with different beads that represented the five acts of the Bible. For the second project, participants painted stained glass

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more details and video highlights from  
MAC Week 2014

murals. The murals are a continuation of last year's project in which MAC members and students painted murals that represented the first act of the Bible. This year, students and MAC members painted new murals that represented the second act. All of the murals were designed by students and have been installed at the elementary school chapel.

The guest devotional speaker was Dr. Glynn Stone, Jr., senior pastor of Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. Mobberly Baptist has been a faithful supporter of HBA for 35 years. Each day, Dr. Stone presented a short devotional related to this year's theme, "Strength for the Journey," which was drawn from Isaiah 40:31, HBA's alma mater.

Elected as incoming MAC chair was Wade Johnson of Atlanta, Ga. Prior to his new position, Johnson served alongside former MAC chair Ed Spurling as vice chair. Following Johnson will be Bill Cobb of Dallas, Texas, who was elected MAC vice chair.

The week concluded with the Aloha Banquet which was held for the first time at the Koolau Ballrooms and Conference Center in Kaneohe. The middle school choir, high school concert choir, Soldiers of Light and Halau Hula O Kalama Ula delivered an unforgettable performance during the dinner, as we said farewell to our MAC friends.

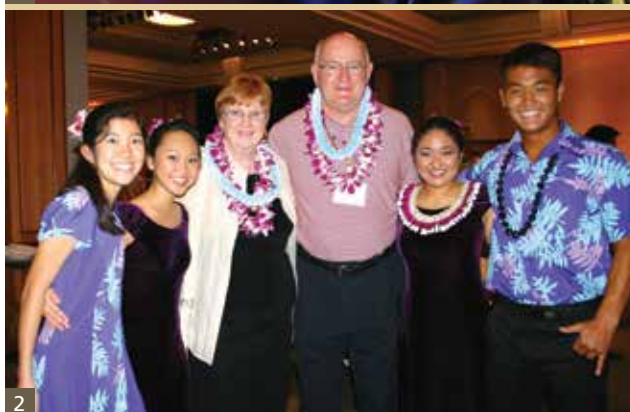
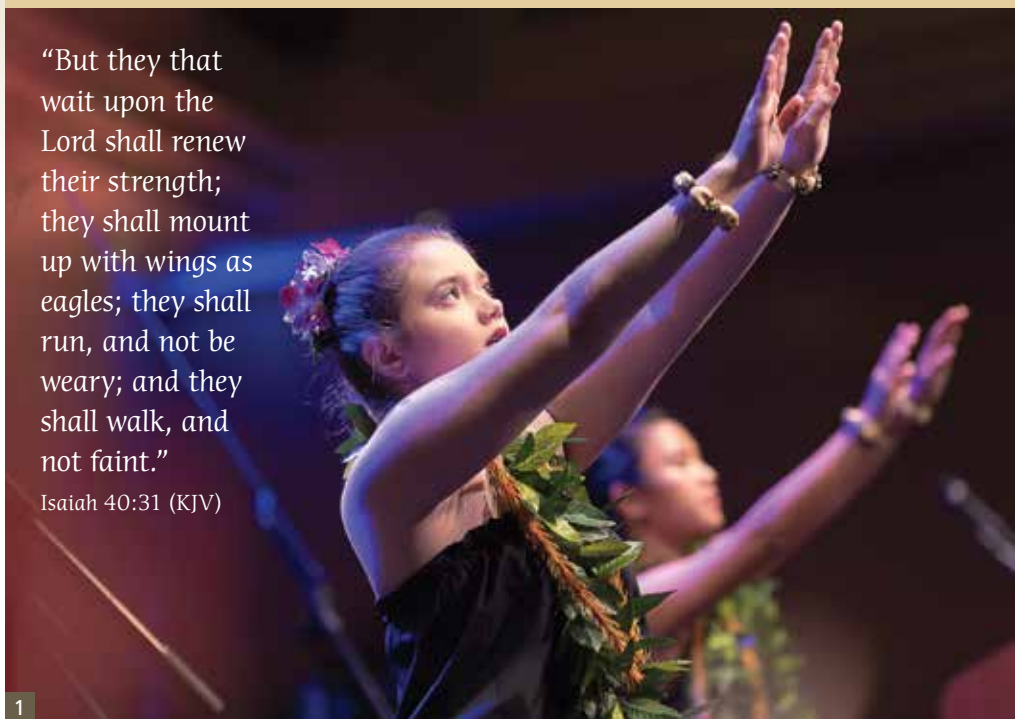
The MAC is a group of more than 300 friends who have supported HBA since 1977 through prayer, financial giving, and recruiting of new donors. They come from 25 states and generally consider the annual meeting in Honolulu a combination revival and reunion. The MAC meeting is one of the highlights of the year for the entire HBA family.

**1)** Lauren Breese, freshman. **2)** L-R: Paige Oshiro, freshman; Chelsie Arume, junior; Carolyn Cobb, Dallas, Texas; Bill Cobb, MAC Vice Chair from Dallas, Texas; Amanda Lee, senior; and Adam Murakami, sophomore. **3)** The middle school choir and high school concert choir perform at the Aloha Banquet. **4)** Ernest Jett, Sr., left, and Burnell Hutcherson, center, of Winnsboro, Texas, with Nicole Saiki, senior, right. **5)** MAC hosts Stanley and Joan Togikawa, left, with Dorothy Langdon and Mina Budzilowski of Texarkana, Texas. **6)** Vernnetta Ellerd, Arlington, Texas, reads with first graders. **7)** Dr. Glynn Stone, Jr., senior pastor of Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.

**SHARE HBA'S STORY!** MAC member Robert Whitfield from Dallas, who is serving as HBA's staff representative to the mainland, can help share HBA's story with your church, Sunday school class, senior adult group, or any small group. He is also available for Missions Fairs or missions events. Contact him at (214) 559-0048 or [trwfriend@aol.com](mailto:trwfriend@aol.com)

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)



# Alumni Chronicles: Chris Jones ('96)

By Christina Yasutomi



Chris Jones, left, with his wife Jenna and their baby Presley Rose. Photo by Brett Leigh.

**What do you do** after you've toured as the lead in the Tony Award-winning musical "Jersey Boys?" Why not sing in a band that performs classic hits from the 1950s and '60s? That's exactly what Chris Jones ('96) is doing.

The band is called Under the Streetlamp. Much like the Four Seasons, the all-male quartet performs classic Doo-Wop, Motown and Rock 'n Roll hits with a live band. Just like Jones, all of the singers performed in "Jersey Boys."

Jones' journey to the stage started right here. He entered HBA as a freshman in 1992 after attending Iolani. While Jones was doing well at Iolani, he didn't feel comfortable with the school's rigorous academic expectations.

"At HBA, I had a top level education but I also felt more free to do extra-curricular activities," Jones said via telephone.

At HBA, he participated in all of the drama programs, sang with the Soldiers of Light choir, served as student council vice president and was in the National Honor Society. He was also elected Mr. HBA.

His love for the stage and music extended outside of HBA. He participated in community theatre and received private voice lessons from renowned teacher Catherine Goto.

Jones graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in theatre. In 2001, he moved to New York City to start his career on Broadway. His first role was in a children's musical production "Super Fudge." While he enjoyed the work, there wasn't much of a possibility for career advancement in children's theater, so he became a chorus actor which allowed him to work with seasoned actors in leading roles. When he felt he had learned enough, and no longer wanted to perform in the chorus, he began pursuing lead roles. About a year later, he got called back for the role of Frankie Valli in the first national tour of the Broadway Musical "Jersey Boys." Unfortunately, the timing wasn't right as Jones was in the middle of a production of "Grease" in St. Louis. The producer pressured him to break his contract and come to the call back, but Jones declined. His integrity paid off, and after he finished "Grease," the "Jersey Boys" producer called him again to audition, and a week later he was offered the role.

"A lot of times, God will honor your decision to be an honorable person in a visible way. It doesn't happen all of the time, but this time it did."

The tour opened in San Francisco in 2006 followed by a run in Los Angeles. In L.A., Jones said several celebrities saw the show. He even received fan mail from Gary Sinise.

As Jones was enjoying success in his career, he was also making strides in his personal life. Just before the "Jersey Boys" tour began he started dating his future wife, Jenna Coker, a successful actress who began her career at the age of 12. Jones and Jenna enjoyed a whirlwind courtship and were

married in October 2007. Their wedding happened in the middle of the tour, so it wasn't until Jones finished the show in 2008 that they could begin their life together.

In 2010 Jones was invited by his former co-star, Michael Ingersoll, to perform in a four-man quartet in Chicago as part of a theatrical rock show called "Under the Streetlamp." In 2012, they got a big break and were featured in a one-hour special on PBS National. By the end of 2012, their show was one of the top five new shows watched on PBS.



Chris Jones, left, with his band, Under the Streetlamp. Photo by David Johnson.

In February, they did a three-week tour through Holland and Belgium, followed by a national tour of PBS stations to promote

their second special. This summer, they are performing at venues around the country and are gearing up for another tour in the fall.

As artists, Jones says they strive to be original by adding their own touch to these popular oldies. The group has also started writing some of their own numbers.

Jones relies on his faith in Christ as his foundation. He says he approaches evangelism by being an example to his colleagues. As a professional actor, he makes it clear that the roles he plays do not necessarily reflect his personal views or beliefs.

When he's not on the road, Jones resides in L.A. with his wife and their baby, Presley Rose.



1) Chris Jones, second from the left, as Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys." Photo courtesy of Jersey Boys Productions. 2) Performing in the HBA production of "The Fantastics" in 1994. Photo courtesy of Janet Jones. 3) Chris in the HBA production of "Oklahoma" in 1995. Photo courtesy of Janet Jones. 4) Chris, center, in the HBA production of "The Wiz" in 1993. Photo courtesy of Janet Jones.



# Legacy AWARDS

## Lifetime Legacy Awards



**H.P. & Mary McCormick**  
*Principal and School  
Nurse (1949-1960)*



**Col. Stan Sagert**  
*President Emeritus  
(1970-1987)*



**Joyce Wong**  
*Faculty (1960-62,  
1963-1997)*

## Distinguished Alumni



**Rick Brian Tsujimura ('68)**  
*Attorney, Ashford &  
Wriston, LLLP*



**Winona (Au) White ('83)**  
*Vice President of Human  
Resources, Kamehameha  
Schools*

## Distinguished Service to God



**Rev. Carl Kinoshita**  
*Retired Pastor, Past  
HBA Board Member*



**Rev. Moriyoshi Hiratani**  
*Retired Pastor, Past  
HBA Board Chair*

## Distinguished Service to the Community



**Kiyo Itokazu ('54)**  
*Retired Military and  
Hospital Chaplain*



**Stanley Togikawa**  
*President, Shiraki  
Memorial Foundation*

## Distinguished Service to HBA



**Dr. Rebecca Sanchez Ovitt**  
*Elementary School  
Principal (1971-2012)*



**Maurine King**  
*Faculty (1960-2012)*

## HBA invites to you attend Legacy Night 2014

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# Baby Eagles



1. Esther Stinton was born on January 16, 2014 to Mark ('05) and Meighan Stinton. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. According to her parents, Esther is 97th percentile in height, 88th percentile in weight, and 100th percentile in cuteness.

2. Jonathan Sho Morihara was born in Japan on July 29, 2013. He weighed 5 pounds and 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Jonathan's parents, Ross and Traci (Shibuya) Morihara ('91), welcomed him into their family on September 22. Jonathan's mother, Traci, is a sixth grade science teacher at HBA.

3. Luke James Nii Lamer was born on March 5, 2013 to James and Marilyn (Nii) Lamer, kindergarten teachers' assistant at HBA. Luke weighed 7 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. Sibling: Jake, 4.

4. Kadence Momilani Miyoko Masaki was born on April 18, 2014 to Kris and Carole (Nakama) Masaki ('95). Sibling: Kaila, 4.

5. Dakota Suh Hyun Kimiko Huh was born on November 15, 2013 to Sean and Monica (Toma) Huh ('94). She weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces and was 18 inches long.

6. Novella Mayumi Coryell was born on October 21, 2013. Novella's parents, Derek and Valerie (Stackel) Coryell ('88), welcomed her into their family in November. Novella's father, Derek, is a middle school social studies teacher at HBA, and her mother, Valerie, is the librarian at HBA's elementary school. Sibling: Verily, 5.

# Marriages

Danford Chang, HBA high school counselor, married Donna Chang on February 1, 2014. They reside in Honolulu, Hawaii.



# In Memory

## Alumni

**Jason Spence**, 62, of the class of 1972, died Nov. 30, 2013 in Kihei, Maui, from a sudden heart attack. A co-founder of Hope Chapel Maui, Jason was the associate pastor and oversaw the church's adult ministries and small groups. He led the intern program training many young people from around the world. In the past ten years, he also helped build churches and train pastors in Bulgaria and Brazil. (More on Jason at [http://www.hba.net/about/news/latest\\_news/hba/2013-2014/0122-jason-spence](http://www.hba.net/about/news/latest_news/hba/2013-2014/0122-jason-spence)) Jason is survived by his wife Toni; daughter Cassie; son Corbett; mother Doris; sister Becky; and brother Paul.

**Phillip Perreira , Jr.**, 77, of Honolulu, member of the first graduating class of 1954, died Feb. 6, 2014. He was a Federal Aviation Administration flight service retiree and an Air Force veteran. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, sons William and Kevin Kaneko, daughter Cheryl Scellato, brothers Winston and Leo Perreira, and sister Yolanda Keliikuli.

## The Aloha Council

**Donald M. Nakamura**, 77, of Honolulu, a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier and an Army veteran, died April 4. He is survived by his wife Julia; sons Warren '83 and Ross '91; daughter Donnie Ann Wong '80; mother Ethel C.; and four grandchildren, including Deanna Wong, HBA junior.

**Gwen T. Morlan**, 66, of Honolulu, died May 18. A retired school-teacher, she was an active member of Olivet Baptist Church. She is survived by her mother Mildred Higashihara; brother Ken; and sister Vera Okamura.

## Mainland Advisory Council

**John Heiman**, 90, of Mesquite, Texas, passed away Nov. 28, 2013. His company was the largest franchisee of Whataburger. John was an active member of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church and a past president of the White Rock Rotary Club . He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter Jacque Kirk; son Johnny; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

**Charles O'Rear**, 89, of Tulsa, Okla., died Dec. 12, 2013. An Air Force veteran, he was retired as vice president of real estate and development for Cities Service Company. He was active at First Baptist Church, Tulsa. He is survived by his wife Carol; sons Charles, Jr., and Mark; daughter Sandra Gail; and seven grandchildren.

**Kathleen Bruce**, 91, of Mount Vernon, Wash., died Jan. 18, 2014. She and her late husband Bob, a civilian personnel officer for the Army, lived in Missouri, Virginia, Hawaii and Texas. She is survived by her daughter Carol Deegan, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

**William "Bill" Tatum, Sr.**, 88, of Decatur, Ga., died Feb. 8. He owned Tatum Construction Company and Property Resources. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Tatum of Los Angeles, Calif., and two grandsons, William III and Alexander.

**Shirley Blanton**, 89, of Forest City, NC, died April 28. She served at First Baptist Church, Forest City, as minister of music for the children's program. She is survived by her husband William Anderson "Andy"; son Stephen; daughter Barbara Elizabeth Anderson; and two granddaughters.

**Dorothy Ray Walker**, 99, of Leland, Miss., died June 11. She was active at First Baptist Church, Leland, as Sunday School teacher and pianist and organist. She was a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and also involved in the local and state garden clubs. She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Meeks and Frances Thurmond, seven grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren.

**Margaret Redmon**, 82, of Richardson, Texas, died June 27. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Richardson, where she was involved in the music and missions ministries. She is survived by her husband Jerry; son Keith; daughters Cynthia Pennings, Julie Redmon and Cindy Stone; eight grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

### Former Administration

**Jean Teague Cabaniss**, 80, of Shelby, NC, died Jan. 7. She was Academic Dean at HBA, 1973-75, and also served as Southern Baptist

missionary in Amman, Jordan, and in Japan. She was a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Charlie; step-sons John and Jeff; step-daughter Julie Duncan; seven step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

**Stanley A. Sagert**, 93, of Denton, Texas, died Jan. 25. President Emeritus of HBA, Col. Sagert headed the school, 1970-1987, and led in the development of the Pali Campus. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his son, Stanley "Buddy" '71; three daughters, Penny Wagner, Marlee Armstrong '68, and Kristin Obermeyer '78; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. (An earlier article on Col. Sagert appeared in the Spring 2014 edition of the *HBA Soaring Eagle*.)

**Christian Sympathy** is also expressed to the following HBA staff on the loss of loved ones:


*Ryan Ideue*, technology assistant, on the passing of his daughter **Shae Ideue**, 19, of Pearl City, on Feb. 2.

*Ginell Benn*, elementary teacher's assistant, on the passing of her mother **Ernette H.Y. Chun**, 65, of Honolulu on Feb. 11.

*Lissy Jayaprakash*, business office staff, on the passing of her father **K.S. Jesudas**, 85, on March 19. He lived in Thuravoor, Kerala, in South India.

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