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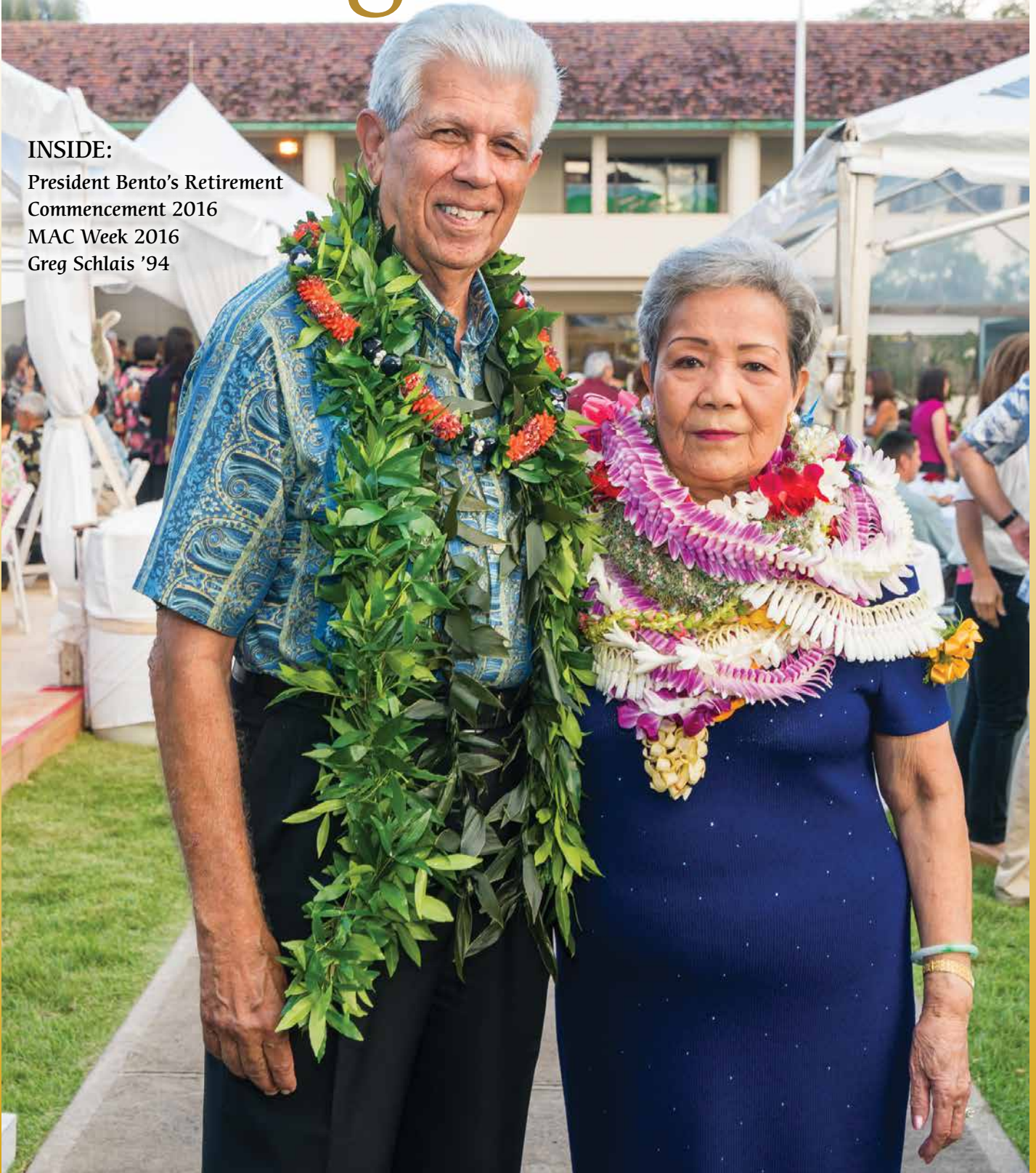
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Hawaii Baptist Academy

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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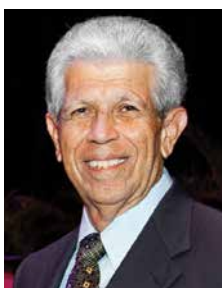
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President's Message



Dear HBA Ohana:

During these last few months, we have experienced a season of goodbyes. In June, our graduating seniors bade farewell to our high school campus, and our sixth graders said goodbye to our elementary campus. Saying goodbye generally signals the end of something, and while it can be sad, it is also the opportunity for growth and new opportunities.

Before Jesus Christ said goodbye to His followers, he spent 40 days on earth teaching them and preparing them for their ministry. After he ascended into heaven, his 12 disciples went out and proclaimed the gospel. They traveled as far as they could to tell the world about Jesus Christ. In the end, their faithfulness and courage changed the world.

Our seniors are now on their way to college, as all 110 members of the Class of 2016 have been accepted to schools in Hawaii and on the mainland. As for our sixth graders, they are now beginning the exciting and challenging journey of adolescence. I am fully confident that our teachers have given all of these students the academic and spiritual foundation they will need as they begin their new journeys.

I too have graduated to the blissful phase of life known as retirement. I am humbled, grateful, and amazed that God has allowed me to be part of His story by leading His school in Hawaii. Over the last 30 years, God has allowed me to partner with amazing men and women who have faithfully followed His calling to instill God's word in the hearts and minds of our students. Whether it's in the classroom, or supporting our teachers and students through prayer and in finances, all of them have played a pivotal role in changing the lives of young men and women in Hawaii. Academics are important, but a child whose foundation is built on Christ is unshakeable.

As I reflect upon HBA's journey, from its humble beginnings in what was affectionately described as a termite palace, to the beautiful campuses in Nuuanu we have today, I am convinced that God's sovereignty and provision have paved the way. From the beginning, HBA was God's school, and it will continue to be God's school.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Bento





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Farewell to a Dear Friend

Richard "Dick" Bento,
HBA President 1994–2016



IN THE HISTORY OF HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY, each president has answered a divine calling during his ministry. Col. Stanley Sagert, president 1970–1987, answered the call to save the school from being closed. Dr. Dan Kong, president 1988–1993, built a committed group of Southern Baptist supporters through the Mainland Advisory Council (MAC). Richard "Dick" Bento, humbly led our school as president for 22 years, never seeking the spotlight as he expanded our campuses and brought financial stability to our institution.

Dick's journey at HBA began with his family. In 1965, Dick and his wife, Alice, enrolled their son, Glenn, in Miss Patricia "Trish" Simmon's kindergarten class. At that time, the Bentos were living on the west side of Oahu while Dick worked as a corporate executive for World Airways. One Sunday morning, Alice visited a new, Southern Baptist mission near their home. The next day, the Bentos were visited by Col. Sagert and Benny and Darena Bankston, who were teaching at HBA. Following their visit, Alice told Dick that she wanted to continue attending the mission by their home. In the years that followed, life-long friendships developed between the Bentos, Sagerts and Bankstons. The Bankstons also took it upon themselves to mentor Alice, who was new in her faith.

The journey continued when the Bentos enrolled their oldest daughter, Janet, at HBA. Janet was adopted from Taiwan and had limited English language skills. She struggled at HBA, as the school offered minimal support in this area. The Bentos made the difficult decision to find another school that would be able to help Janet with her academics. Unbeknownst to them, their move to a new school was directed by Providence.

In 1972, the Bentos enrolled Janet at the Sacred Hearts Convent School on Bates Street in Honolulu. An important relationship began with the nuns who worked closely with Janet. Dick, who owned Aliiolani Casuals, an aloha attire company, would visit the Sisters and share with them fabric remnants from his company for use in their mission work.

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From left to right: Stanley Herder, high school social studies teacher; Suzanne Herder; Alice Bento; and Richard Bento.

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Dick's service at HBA officially began in 1978 when he became chairman of the HBA School Program Committee (of the Hawaii Baptist Convention Executive Board), which is known today as the board of directors. In 1981, he joined the Properties Development Committee, and in 1985 he was hired as the vice president of development.

In 1986, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts announced they were selling their Bates Street property. HBA's elementary school urgently needed more space, so Dick presented the property sale to Col. Sagert. Thanks to the relationships that had already been cultivated, Dick worked with the Sisters in the acquisition of the campus. With prayer, blessings and financial support from the MAC, the lush, historic campus was secured. In 1987, the property was sold to HBA as it was the Sisters' desire that it continue to be used for Christian education.

In 1994, Dick succeeded Dr. Kong as president. In 2006, he oversaw the completion of the Dan Kong Middle School campus. Most recently, he headed the \$17 million capital campaign to fund the high school expansion project, which included the new Arts and Science Building, Senior Pavilion and renovated Learning Resource Center. He also directed the school to full accreditation, grades K-12, by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Dick, a respected businessman in the community, also steered the school to its firm financial position.

On June 3, more than 300 HBA families, alumni, and HBA supporters gathered at the elementary school to celebrate Dick's service to HBA, which spans 31 years. Guests enjoyed a gourmet meal beneath lanterns and chandeliers strung from tents at the elementary school courtyard, along with special musical performances by the Soldiers of Light Choir and HBA Brass Ensemble. Maurine King, retired HBA teacher, shared how Dick and Alice

have supported several immigrant families in their transition to becoming American citizens. Some were rescued from human trafficking. Many now work as members of HBA's facilities team. Mori Hiratani reminisced about the Committee of Three, which included himself, Allen Au, and Col. Sagert. Together, they oversaw the development and financing of HBA's new campus. The committee served for almost three decades. Yvonne (Lau) Kanoholani '86, current HBA parent, told of the long friendship of Dick and Alice with her family, and of the Bentos' continued encouragement to her after the loss of her father, Ray Lau (former pastor of University Avenue and Makakilo Baptist Churches). Robert Uyeda, first vice president of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC), presented a resolution from the convention's board in honor of Dick. Clyde Kakiuchi, director of Church Growth Ministries for the HPBC, presented a gift from the office on behalf of HPBC executive director Chris Martin. Via video, John Stanford, chairman of the Mainland Advisory Council (MAC), offered his thanks and congratulations to Dick on behalf of the MAC. Words of appreciation were also given by Leighton Hara, Alumni Association president; Leighton Lee, Athletic Booster Club president; and Charlotte Yamamoto, president of the Parent-Teacher Fellowship.

"I am grateful that the Lord has allowed me to serve in this capacity," said Dick at his retirement celebration. "I always said it was not about me, but God had a plan for HBA, and His plan came into fruition in His time. I still believe God has a plan for HBA, as long as we remain faithful. I pray that our team doesn't lose sight of our mission. Putting the Lord as the head of our school is the most important thing."

Donate to the Richard T. and Alice M.L. Bento Scholarship Endowment Fund to support financial aid for current students. Learn more at www.hba.net/giving.



Ron Shiira '75 Becomes 5th President

Ronald Shiira '75 became HBA's fifth president on July 1, succeeding Richard T. Bento who served as president for 22 years. Ron brings more than 30 years of corporate and non-profit experience to HBA. He served as chairman of the HBA Board of Directors for five years, and was later hired as the president's executive assistant. Both Ron and his wife, Cyndi, attend Olanui! church, and are active members of the HBA Booster Club. Their son, Andrew, is a graduate of the class of 2005, and their daughter, Julia, is a preschool teacher in Honolulu. They have one grandson, Elijah.



Q: As an alum, how does it feel to return to HBA to serve as the school's president?

A: I am humbled and honored to be selected as HBA's first alumnus to serve as its school president, and I feel extremely blessed.

Q: Why did you choose to attend HBA?

A: I had the choice of enrolling at two larger, well-known, all-boys private schools, or a little known, small, coed Christian school called Hawaii Baptist Academy. I chose HBA because my best friend was going there, and they had girls. I enrolled as an eighth grader and this became the most important decision of my life because I was introduced to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Q: How did you come to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

A: In my fourth year at HBA, I became a Christian during a Religious Emphasis Week, now called Christian Emphasis Week. I wanted to express my new faith by getting baptized and becoming a member at a local Southern Baptist church. To my surprise, my parents prohibited me from being baptized. Following wise counsel, I decided to honor my parent's request and did not get baptized; however, I continued to grow in my faith at HBA and at church. My parents allowed me to attend church because I honored their request not to be baptized until I became an adult. I know that they thought that becoming a Christian was only a fad, and it would pass. Well, my relationship with Jesus was genuine and I was overwhelmed with joy to have my whole family attend my baptism service following my graduation from HBA, and prior to starting college.

Q: Why is HBA special to you?

A: I was raised in a local Buddhist family, where having a close family and a good education was important. HBA's caring and nurturing environment allows students, faculty, and staff

to share a special bond. HBA is special to me because it feels like family and through the lives of caring faculty, staff, and students, I have learned to develop a growing relationship with Jesus.

God also changed the course of my family's life through His ministry at HBA. My mom and dad came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior before they passed. My brother, Mark '79, his children, Noah '22 and Ilana '23, and my son, Andrew '05, have all experienced an excellent education at HBA, including a relationship with Jesus. I am extremely humbled and blessed to witness God's faithfulness.

Q: What is your vision for HBA?

A: I want to create a school that everyone loves to attend. This includes our students, their parents, and grandparents, and our faculty and staff. I believe that I'm called to maintain and strengthen our school's Christ-centered, college-prep educational focus that has impacted thousands of students in Hawaii for 67 years. HBA is a missional school, and our first commitment will always be to share the gospel with our students and their families. We can conduct our mission while strengthening the bonds of our relationships among the entire HBA ohana that extends into communities beyond Hawaii's shores.

For the last several years, God has allowed me to consult businesses and lead teams. During that time, I've learned the value of collaboration. I want to work closely with all of our faculty and staff members to create a school that everyone will love and that everyone will feel ownership in. This is our school and as president, I will lead the initial steps to get our organization focused and unified so we can create a solid foundation, but it will take everyone's participation to allow us to move forward and bring Christ to every nation. This is just as our founders and former presidents had envisioned and we can accomplish this together via collaboration and a heart for Christ.



Class of 2016

The Class of 2016 celebrated their achievements at HBA's 63rd Commencement Ceremony on June 4 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Jantzen Nakai received the title of valedictorian, and Chambre Mangiarelli was named the class salutatorian. Taylor White was presented with the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during her years at HBA. Hellen Chen, Chester Hui, Jantzen Nakai, Sydney Suzuki and Anna Young all received the Eagle Scholar Award from HBA's Parent Teacher Fellowship. Seventeen students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, which means they have been enrolled at the school since kindergarten. Dynah Ustare, high school English teacher and senior advisor, delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to all 110 members of the Class of 2016!



Michael Tawata, left, and Keely Urata, right.



President Bento presents Taylor White with the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award



The 2016 Eagle Scholar Award recipients. From left to right: Anna Young, Jantzen Nakai, Sydney Suzuki, Hellen Chen and Chester Hui.

Valedictorian Address

Valedictorian Jantzen Nakai addressed the Class of 2016. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

I came to HBA in the seventh grade and gradually learned that no single story, no unique mold can fit each student. To this day, I can pinpoint and remark that this concept makes each student a member of this school. Despite personal religious beliefs, however, we have been able to show Christian values through our actions and interactions. The Bible lays out the Christian values derived from its text: forgiveness, unconditional love, love of God, love of one another, and love expressed through respect and tolerance of others. Today, I'd like to talk about the last value.

Tolerance is not the concession of morals or values; it is going the extra mile to understand another's. It is not ridiculing someone for holding different views, it is not passive aggression, it is not rallying for the persecution of others, and it is definitely

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not stereotyping an individual based on the previous actions taken by others holding a similar perspective. ...The sad thing of this century, is that people believe that if you are not for an idea, you are against it. There is no middle ground, no higher moral ground for one to stand on. Instead, each of us is pressed to make a decision, persecute another of a different belief, or wholeheartedly accept it. Toleration is neither. To understand and look at issues from the perspective of another, allows one to form an opinion about the given topic without approaching it with a bias. Everyone walks a different path in life, everyone has different perspectives and different experiences, and everyone approaches social issues with different consequences in mind.

So, how should we, Class of 2016, deal with intolerance as we embark on our new journey? By embracing life with diversity.

I'd like to leave with these lines by Author Shaun David Hutchinson: "We remember the past, live in the present, and write the future. The universe may forget us, but our light will brighten the darkness for eons after we've departed this world. The universe may forget us, but it can't forget us until we're gone, and we're still here, our futures still unwritten. We can choose to...wait for the end, or we can live right now. We can march to the edge of the void and scream in defiance. Yell out for all to hear that we do matter. That we are still here, living our absurd lives, and nothing can take that away from us. Not rogue comets, not black holes, not the heat death of the universe. We may not get to choose how we die, but we can choose how we live. The universe may forget us, but it doesn't matter. Because we are the ants, and we'll keep marching on."



Jantzen Nakai, valedictorian, right, with Chambre Mangiarelli, salutatorian, left. Nakai, who is the son of Reid Nakai and Aileen Agena, will attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Mangiarelli, who is the daughter of Richard and Kathryn Mangiarelli, will attend the University of Washington in Seattle.



1. Kayla Lum Kee 2. Jantzen Nakai 3. (L-R): Amy Vorderbruegge, elementary principal; Ken Hensarling, Jr., board of directors chair; Ronald Shiira '75, executive vice president; Richard Bento, president; Marsha (Ishida) Hirae '72, high school principal; Walter Agena, board of directors vice chair; Hayden Hu, board member; and George Honzaki, middle school principal. 4. Noah Kerr, center.

Class of 2016

More Commencement Photos



1. Stephanie Dang, center 2. L-R: Cyndi Shiira, Trey Larsen and Ronald Shiira '75 3. Blaise Takushi, right 4. Zoe Farris, right 5. L-R: Preston Thiede and Brett Miller 6. Tiara Fuerte, right 7. Adam Murakami, right 8. Joshua Arenas, center

Dynah Ustare, high school English teacher and senior class advisor, gave the commencement address. The following was taken from her speech.

A good thesis is more than just an opinionated claim. It must carry something unexpected, an element of surprise, an irony, or a paradox. It's the same with life. We must choose our central focus wisely because our focus will determine both our journey and our destination. Life can sometimes wear us down, and we all know how easy it is to get distracted, but Hebrews 12:2 exhorts us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith," and verse three tells us that, in doing so, we "will not grow weary or lose heart." The outline of our lives will show if we believe these words or not.

Life is a series of editing. We delete toxins such as grudges, and in their place, write forgiveness. We delete envy and self-pity and replace them with gratitude. We delete unhealthy habits or

relationships and replace them with those that promote wholeness and growth. Most of all, we delete the fluff, anything unrelated to our thesis. Deleting that which we do not need gives us a clear picture of that which we do need. When we look back at our thesis, our needs look clearer. If Christ is our central focus, He fills us with the fruit of His spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Finally, the entire process culminates with one last step: correction. ...The bigger purpose is to give you an opportunity to learn from your mistakes. Similarly, in life, your response to criticism determines your growth. Proverbs 19:20 urges us to, "listen to instructions, that [we] may be wise in [our] latter days." The book of Proverbs also refers to God's word as "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." The light of correction does not only expose; it also guides. My prayer is that you seek God's guidance as you enter an exciting and challenging stage of your life.



Dynah Ustare, high school English teacher and senior advisor, delivered the commencement address.

CLASS OF 2016

Rachel Akemi Amano ★▼

Joshua Rapha Arenas ♦

Gavin Micah Akira Arucan

Jaron Rhys Banes

Ashley Miranda Benn

Nicole Chiemi Anuheha Burgess ♦▼

Mitchell Manoamekapono Roth Chamness

Michelle Hong Yong Chan ★

Charlene Wei Chen ★

Hellen Wanyi Chen ★▼

Lauren Taylor Sowon Chin ★

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Isaac J. Emoto ♦▼

Zoe Kamalie Farris

Caleb Andrew-Scafe Fisher

Tiara K. Fuerte

Shaynie Raye Yukie Fukuda ★♥

Taylor M. Fukumoto ★

Kainani Kiyomi Gruspe ★♥

Jade M.G.F. Hashimoto ★▼

Brandon Matthew Keoki Hirokawa ♦

Nathan Wataru Hishinuma ★

Adin A Hixon

David A Hixon

Cole Kazuyoshi Horita ★

Chester Hai-Dong Hui ★▼♥

Breanne Takeko Ihara

Carly Akemi Imaino

Tanner B. Isaacs

Jaci Kiyome Ishikawa

Noa Matthew Kerr

Michelle Akemi Kinumatsu

Deborah Hyun Kobayashi

Dillon Sadanao Kodama ♦

Marissa Nalani Kwon ★▼

Trey David Takaichi Larsen

Jason C. Lau

Alexandrea A. Lauro

Joshua D. Laxamana ♦

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Jasmine Garmen Lee ★

Zoe Leimamo Lilo

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Kayla Sumiko Kahelemona Lum Kee

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Matthew Jordan Sakai

Ria Chiyoko Shimabukuro

Ellie Maris Shimatsu ♦

Kaylee Pōmaika'i Shiohira

Briana Marie Smith

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Ty Shuichi Alex Wakabayashi ♥

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Isabel Florence Wiemken ▼♦

Aaron Tatsuyoshi Wong ★▼♥

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Anna See Yun Young ★▼

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★ With Highest Honors

♦ With Honors

▼ National Honor Society

♥ Attended HBA since Kindergarten

Mr. & Miss HBA

Chester Hui and Isabel Wiemken



Above: Chester Hui, left, and Isabel Wiemken, right, were elected Mr. and Miss HBA. Upper right: Chester Hui, center, with his family. Lower right: Isabel Wiemken, second from the left, with her family.

Hawaii Baptist Academy has bestowed its highest honor, Mr. and Miss HBA, on seniors Chester Hui and Isabel Wiemken. The award began in 1955, and recognizes one male and one female senior who typify the best in HBA students, including their contributions to school life through leadership and extra-curricular activities, and also in their character. Their peers elect the winners.

Hui enrolled at HBA as a kindergartener. At the high school, he played volleyball and tennis, sang in the Soldiers of Light choir, played clarinet in the Wind Ensemble and participated on HBA's Science Olympiad and It's Academic Hawaii teams. This year, he served as president of the National Honor Society (NHS). He was also an active member of the President's Aloha Council (PAC). While he never seeks the spotlight, Hui has won every academic award that HBA offers. He also cares greatly for others, and has volunteered for Special Olympics, Meals On Wheels and the American Red Cross. During his junior year, he was named student volunteer of the year for the Queen's Medical Center.

This fall, Hui will attend the University of California at Los Angeles. He plans to study medicine.

Wiemken enrolled at HBA in fourth grade. At the high school, she has been involved in many organizations and activities, including NHS, PAC, track and field and paddling. This last year, she served as student body president and played a key role in organizing Spirit Week. During her junior year, Wiemken started the Dress Drive. Students donated gently used formal and semi-formal dresses, and exchanged them with their classmates. Remaining donations were given to the Bella Project, which provides free prom dresses for high school students. Adding to her long list of accomplishments is Wiemken's IMDB profile, which lists her film work on "The Deal" and "Doc-Shoe-Mentary." Her latest films, "Grandpa's Hands" and "Taking Notes," were featured at HBA's Arts and Film Festival in April.

Wiemken will be attending Chapman University where she will study Creative Producing, which involves the business, legal and organizational side of film production.

High School Awards



Left: Michael Tawata, center, and Rachel Amano, right, received Letters of Commendation from the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Sydney Suzuki, left, received a Certificate of Merit for qualifying as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Right:** Micah Abe '17, left, received the L.O. & Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award. The award was presented by Ryan Frontiera, right, high school vice principal.

Bible

Excellence in Christian Thought

Jaron Banes
Shalev Eckert
April Laxamana
Kailee Liu

Excellence in New Testament

Mikayla Chun
Ka'ena Dedrick

Excellence in Old Testament

Dylan Tanioka
Bey Thompson

English

Outstanding English 9 Student

Kristen Kaneshiro
Kasen Wong

Outstanding English 10 Student

Anika Keuning
Eugene Lee

Outstanding English 11 Student

Ryan Su
Hannah Tavares

Outstanding English 12 Student

Kainani Gruspe
Sydney Suzuki

Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student

Renee' Galolo
Paige Oshiro

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Chester Hui
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Shakespearean Recitation Competition

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Outstanding Student in Geometry

Reanne Inafuku

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Cameron Kaneshiro
Jacqueline Morgan

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2-Honors

Sihan Ma

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3

Jared Miyasato

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry

Sihan Ma

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus

Kellie Akiyama

Outstanding Student in Discrete Mathematics with Probability

Dillon Kodama

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics

Haven Won

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics

Michael Tawata

Outstanding Student in Foundations of Calculus

Ellie Shimatsu

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus A/B

Chester Hui

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus B/C

Taylor Fukumoto
Michael Tawata

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Programming

Sihan Ma

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science

Maria Gaetana Agnesi
Michael Tawata

Mathematics Service Award

Kayla Vergara
Anna Young

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team

Nicholas Domingo
Sihan Ma
Michael Tawata
Dylan Tsuruda
Anna Young

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer

Dylan Tsuruda

HBA Mathematics Team Most Valuable Member

Anna Young

PE and Health

Outstanding Female Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Emily White

Outstanding Male Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Kasen Wong

Outstanding Female Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Kiana Oka

Outstanding Male Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Cole Galicinao

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Left: Alexia Sommers, left, received the Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship. The award was presented by Laura Efurd, daughter of Dub and Grace Efurd. **Right:** Helen Chen, center, received the Sue Nishikawa Scholarship presented by Naomi Masuno, left, and Faith McFatrige, right, nieces of Sue Nishikawa.

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Science

Outstanding Student in Biology

Sihan Ma
Aaron Thomas

Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Jamie Lee
Haven Won

Outstanding Student in Marine Biology

Rachel Amano

Outstanding Student in Oceanography

Dillon Kodama

Outstanding Student in Physics

Keiko-Ann Sanders
Judithanne Young

Outstanding Student in AP Biology

Chester Hui
Anna Young

Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry

Renee' Galolo
Allyson Trang

Outstanding Student in AP Environmental Science

Rachel Amano
Megan Yoshioka

Outstanding Student in AP Physics

Michael Tawata
Dylan Tsuruda

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Allyson Trang

Rensselaer Medal Award

Dylan Tsuruda

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9

Kristin Lau
Rena Takatsuka

Outstanding Student in Government 9

Reanne Inafuku
Caily Okazaki

Outstanding Student in US History 10

Anika Keuning
Joel Lau

Outstanding Student in Modern World History 11

Erin Kaneshiro
Paige Oshiro

Outstanding Student in Economics

Chester Hui
Sydney Suzuki

Outstanding Student in Psychology

Alexander Wong

Outstanding Student in AP World History

Makenzie Cammack

Outstanding Student in AP US Government

Jantzen Nakai

Social Science Scholar

Jantzen Nakai

Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial Black Team

Brad Wong

Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial Gold Team

Joshua Fujita

Outstanding Newcomer, Mock Trial Black Team

Gavin Koizumi

Outstanding Newcomer, Mock Trial Gold Team

Anika Chang

Outstanding Witness, Mock Trial Black Team

Preston Iha

Outstanding Witness, Mock Trial Gold Team

Anika Keuning

Visual and Performing Arts

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Art

Jada Inouye
Anna Kerr

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Drawing

Blythe Yoshikane

Outstanding Achievement in Drafting & Design

Mitchell Chamness

Outstanding Advanced Drawing & Painting Artist

Esther Chang
Renee' Galolo
Tanner Isaacs
Jaci Ishikawa
Kylie Tamaki

Excellence in Mixed Media & Ceramics

Julia Lu

Excellent Craftsmanship & Glazing

Lee Tanaka

Excellent Craftsmanship: Handbuilding Award

Maia Kawelo
Akemi Santiago

Exquisite Detail: Handbuilding Award

Jordyn Wang

Mixed Media: Exceptional Creativity

Aiden Kawabata

Mixed Media: Most Involved & Intricate Craftsmanship

Kiana Oka

Queen of Glazing, Color & Design

Ria Shimabukuro

Queen of Pottery & Most Delicate Craftsmanship

Kayci Kumashiro

Queen of Slabs: Handbuilding Award

Haley Pilien

Fall Semester Drama King

Mitchell Chamness

Fall Semester Drama Queen

Jordyn Wang

Spring Semester Drama King

Joshua Laxamana

Spring Semester Drama Queen

Kailee Liu

Outstanding Student in High School Beginning Band

Queena Fang

Outstanding Student in Concert Band

Kasen Wong

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High School Awards *Continued from page 10*

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble

Tani Takushi
Brody Uehara
Khristian Vinca

Outstanding Leadership in Wind Ensemble

Ty Wakabayashi

Excellence in Leadership and Development of the Band Program

Trey Larsen

Outstanding Producer

Elissa Ota

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1

Kristen Kaneshiro

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2

Jamie Lee

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3

Judithanne Young

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 4

Hellen Chen

Overall Excellence in Chinese

Chester Hui

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1

Caily Okazaki
Kasen Wong

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2

Lauryn Liao
Sihan Ma

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3

Eliesse Hihara
Tiffany Nagasawa

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 4

Chambre Mangiarelli
Elissa Ota

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 5

Kylie Yamauchi

Overall Excellence in Japanese

Sydney Suzuki

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1

Carson Miyachi
Madelyn Weaver

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2

Maia Kawelo
Anika Keuning

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3

Renee' Galolo
Samuel Hixon

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4

Anna Young

Excellence in Spanish

Stephanie Dang

Overall Excellence in Language Usage and Cultural Interaction

Finnley Baraoidan
Makenzie Cammack

Special Awards and Service Recognition

Alumni Association Senior Scholarship

Stephanie Dang
Chester Hui
Sydney Suzuki

Kilohana Kai Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong

Briana Smith

L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award

Micah Abe

Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship

Alexia Sommers

Sue Nishikawa Scholarship

Hellen Chen

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Shaynie Fukuda
Samantha Nucum
Judithanne Young

White Ohana College Scholarships

Hellen Chen
Chester Hui
Zoe Lilo
Sydney Suzuki
Kayla Vergara
Jordyn Wang

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Auahi Aiu
Kellie Akiyama
Kyara Bunch
Kiara Chun
Kaylie Hayashida
Kyle Higa
Eliesse Hihara
Brandon Kamiyama
Cameron Kaneshiro
Jonathan Kishaba
Dillon Kodama
Kayci Kumashiro
Lauryn Liao
Jasci Ligsay
Sihan Ma
Chambre Mangiarelli
Micah Mitchell
Tiffany Nagasawa
Taija Nakakura
Camille Oga
Elissa Ota
Jasmine Akiko Otani
Bryce Sakata
Akemi Santiago

Kaitlyn Takafuji
Chandelle Takahashi
Kylie Tamaki
Kylee-Ann Tawara
Allyson Trang
Shay Watanabe
Haven Won
Kayla Wong
Megan Yoshioka

National Honor Society Inductees

Anika Chang
Britney Chang
Lucas Chun
Michelle Fukumitsu
Ryan Higashi
Katelyn Higashiya
Reanne Inafuku
Kacie Kaneshiro
Kristen Kaneshiro
Kristin Lau
Megan Loh
Morgan Lorenzo
Marcus Mau
Micah Mitchell
Dru Pang
Bryce Sakata
Akemi Santiago
Kylee Sumida
Rena Takatsuka
Nicole Tommee
Bey-Yu Thompson
Dylan Tsuruda
Lauren Uchimura
Ally Wada
Emily White
Haven Won
Kasen Wong
Kayla Wong
Kacie Yoshida
Joy Yukumoto



Left: The White Ohana Scholarship. From left to right: Emily White, freshman; Taylor White, senior; Winona (Au) White '83; Hellen Chen, recipient; Zoe Lilo, recipient; Jordyn Wang, recipient; Kayla Vergara, recipient; Sydney Suzuki, recipient; and Chester Hui, recipient. **Right:** The HBA Alumni Association Senior Scholarships. From left to right: Shawn Saito '12, alumni association vice president; Stephanie Dang, recipient and daughter of Andrew Dang '80; Chester Hui, recipient; Sydney Suzuki, recipient; and Leighton Hara '95, alumni association president.

Middle School Awards

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7

Johnson Lin
Christine Yamamoto

Excellence in Bible 8

Sylar Takafuji
Cydni Yoshida

English

Best Overall in English 7

Johnson Lin
Tani Yoshioka

Best Overall English 8

Kailey Chang
Tatiana Chang

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Math 7

Johnson Lin
Sydney Senter

Outstanding Student in Algebra 1

Kathryn Harada
Zach Lau

Outstanding Student in Beginning Programming 8

Timothy Dixon

PE and Health

Outstanding Performance in Health and Fitness

Kailee Ishikawa
Isaiah Salado

Outstanding Performance in Physical Education and Health

Christian Kuwaye
Jordyn Liu

Science

Outstanding Student in Science 7

Johnson Lin
Jordyn Liu

Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8

Zach Lau
Maya Liao

Outstanding Student in Robotics 7-8

Nathan Tong

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Geography

Johnson Lin
Dayna Okazaki

American History 8

Outstanding Student

Jordyn Kobayashi
Anna Uehara

Visual and Performing Arts

Fabulous in Fine Arts 7

Kira Ferguson
Len Silva

Fantastic in Fine Arts 8

Anderson Chen
Cydni Yoshida

Aspiring Artist

Kacie Kwan
Aimee-Louise Lee
Natasha Loh
Shane Hirano



Gabrielle Chun, left, recipient of the Soaring Eagle award (Academic Excellence for Grade 8).

Outstanding Student in Middle School Beginning Band

Jeremy Oyer
Len Silva
Jessica Yamamoto

Outstanding Student in Middle School Band

Natalie Narito
Kelsey Ota
Cole Yokoyama

Thriving Thespian

Jhennai Felipe
Kassidy Trang
Anna Uehara

Special Middle School Award

Soaring Eagle (Academic Excellence for Grade 8)

Gabrielle Chun

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Award

PTF Service Award-7th

Logan Kaneshiro
Logan Tom

PTF Service Award-8th

Maya Liao
Cobi Pimental

Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration

The Class of 2022 celebrated their achievements on May 31 at the 6th Grade Aloha Celebration at HBA's elementary campus.

Twenty students received the High Academic Average Award for earning the Soaring Eagle, or Challenger designation, each quarter during the sixth grade.

Twenty-four students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence by earning an A- average or better from fourth grade through the first semester of sixth grade. Additionally, they scored at least an 85 percentile on standardized testing in reading or math.

Six students were elected by their peers for the following awards: Mia Cormack and Justin Mayeshiro, Citizenship Award; Amanda Sato and Christian Chin, J.O.Y. Award (Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last); and Kacyn Ideue and Tyler Tara, All-Around Award.

In her address, Principal Amy Vorderbruegge used the metaphor of a diamond to encourage the students as they begin this new chapter in life.

"Relish in this time God is giving you, see the pressure as ways to grow and define who you are in God, and shine for Him in all you do," said Vorderbruegge.

Congratulations to all 98 members of the Class of 2022!

High Academic Average Awards

Jennifer Cheung
Mia Lyn Cormack
Joseph Fung
Kacyn Ideue
Zachery Ing
Sara Ireland
Toby Kim
Kaden
Kobashigawa
Brooke Ming
Amanda Sato
Noah Shiira
Hayley Taka
Kaylee Ann Tani
Emi Wada
Noah Watanabe
Sarah Williams
Jodi Yamane
Evan Yoshishige

Alyssa Young
Kelsey Zane

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Jennifer Cheung
Mia Lyn Cormack
Austin Fujikawa
Joseph Fung
Kacyn Ideue
Zachery Ing
Sara Ireland
Toby Kim
Ashlie Kiyabu
Kaden
Kobashigawa
Brooke Ming
Amanda Sato
Noah Shiira
Hayley Taka
Kaylee Tani

Tyler Tara
Barry Uchima
Emi Wada
Noah Watanabe
Sarah Williams
Jodi Yamane
Evan Yoshishige
Alyssa Young
Kelsey Zane

Citizenship Award

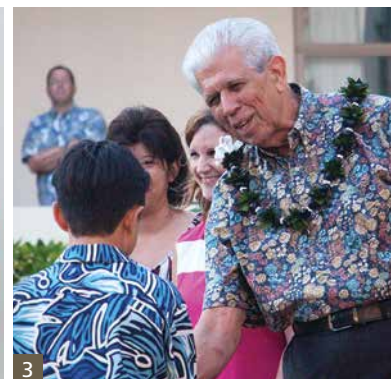
Mia Cormack
Justin Mayeshiro

J.O.Y. Award

Christian Chin
Amanda Sato

All Around Awards

Kacyn Ideue
Tyler Tara



1. L-R: McKenzie Lee, Kelcie Ito and Justin Mayeshiro. 2. Amy Vorderbruegge, elementary principal. 3. Richard Bento, president. 4. L-R: Amanda Warren, Aerin Dias, Emi Wada and Amanda Sato. 5. Reese Yoshikawa 6. L-R: Nicklaus Iseri, Austin Fujikawa, and Evan Yoshishige

Athletic Awards

By Deren Oshiro, Athletic Director

About 340 students, coaches, parents and guests gathered at the HBA Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet on May 28. The annual event, held for the sixth 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, PacFive or other combination teams.

The varsity banquet 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.

This year seven teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Championship. These were girls basketball, girls and boys volleyball, girls and boys tennis, girls bowling and softball (PacFive). Three teams finished as HHSAA State Runners-Up (girls bowling, boys bowling, boys cross country) and four teams won HHSAA State Championships (girls volleyball, girls basketball, boys volleyball and softball). The HBA Athletic Department also recognized President Richard T. Bento with an honorary plaque.

The HBA Athletic Booster Club helped subsidize the event for the athletic department. KTM Services/Enjoy Products donated the centerpieces (snack mix, containers, wrap and decorations). Open Mortgage donated the favors (chocolate covered fortune cookies).

In all, about 120 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards.

Pac-Five Award Winners

Aaron Wong, senior (swimming)
Tyler Matsukawa, senior (football)
Nathan Hishinuma, senior (wrestling)
Asia Ono, senior (girls soccer)
Michelle Chan, senior (air riflery/precision riflery)
Lee Tanaka, senior and Brett Watanabe, senior (baseball)

Special Individual Award Winners

Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards

- Male: Dillon Kodama, senior (volleyball)
- Female: Shaynie Fukuda, senior (bowling)

Athletes of the Year

- Male: Micah Mitchell, sophomore (basketball, volleyball); and Aaron Wong, senior (swimming)
- Female: Ally Wada, sophomore (volleyball, basketball, track); and Madison Moku, sophomore (track & field)

Robert Fulford Scholar-Athlete Award

(Each winner presented with a check for \$1,000)

- Male: Nathan Hishinuma, senior (wrestling, track, cross country)
- Female: Stephanie Dang, senior (basketball)



Madison Moku, sophomore.
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The 2016 athletics special individual award winners. From left to right: Nathan Hishinuma, senior; Stephanie Dang, senior; Aaron Wong, senior; Dillon Kodama, senior; Micah Mitchell, sophomore; Ally Wada, sophomore; and Shaynie Fukuda, senior.
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Eagle Eye Wins State Title Again



The Eagle Eye Staff took Best-in-State for the second year in a row at the 2016 Hawaii High School Journalism Awards competition. The journalism class is advised by Eunice Sim. PHOTO BY EUNICE SIM.

For the second year in a row, the HBA Eagle Eye has won the Best-in-State award for the Hawaii High School Journalism Awards competition.

"I'm very proud of the Eagle Eye staff for their work this year, and glad that they were recognized for it. The competition was also a reminder that we are part of a larger community of student journalists dedicated to producing excellent work to serve our school communities," said journalism advisor Eunice Sim.

The Eagle Eye staff competed in 21 categories and received 19 awards. Eagle Eye staffer and senior Gavin Arucan received three Best-in-State awards for his submissions in the digital illustration, editorial cartoon and comic strip categories.

The competition is organized by the Hawaii Publishers Association, and is sponsored by the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Midweek. Eighteen public and private schools across the state participated. Mililani High School, 2014 Best-in-State winner and 2015 runner-up, placed second overall in the state with Sacred Hearts Academy taking third.

The Eagle Eye is online at hbaeagleeye.com

Read articles and watch videos by our student journalists

HBA Hosts Second Ministry Team Camp



1. Senior Joshua Namba, center, leads students in worship at the beach at Ministry Team Camp. 2. HBA's 2016 Ministry Team Camp at the Puu Kahea Conference Center in Waianae. Students who attended this camp have served as Bible study leaders at school or at grade level camps, or are in training. 3. Students at Ministry Team Camp help staff workers at the Puu Kahea Conference Center move hundreds of pounds of wood, after a strong storm took down several large trees on the property.

Hawaii Baptist Academy's Christian Ministries Department hosted its second Ministry Team Camp April 21–23 at the Puu Kahea Conference Center in Waianae. The purpose of this camp is to show appreciation for HBA's student leaders who have led Bible studies on-campus and at camps, and to provide training for new leaders for the upcoming school year.

"Our student leaders play a critical role in HBA's ministry. In many cases, they are far more effective at reaching their peers with the gospel, than the teachers or staff. So we want to equip them, and give them the support that they need to fulfill this important calling," said Rob Lockridge, director of Christian Ministries.

Camp began Thursday evening at Pokai Bay. Students shared their testimonies with one another, and worshipped God while

watching the sunset on the beach. Throughout the weekend, the students attended training workshops led by HBA faculty members and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

On Friday, the students participated in a service project at the campground. A strong storm took down several large trees, so the students helped the camp staff move hundreds of pounds of wood.

Camp ended Saturday morning with a commissioning ceremony. The seniors gave their final words of advice to the upcoming leaders, and in turn, the underclassmen shared their appreciation for their outgoing leaders. As a token of their appreciation, the underclassmen gave the seniors John Maxwell Leadership Bibles. Inside each Bible, the underclassmen marked their favorite Bible verses and wrote notes of encouragement.

Christian Emphasis Week 2016: Overwhelmed

Hawaii Baptist Academy hosted its annual Christian Emphasis Week (CEW) at the middle and high school March 7–11. Each year, the Christian Ministries Department hosts a special week where students are able to learn more about God. Students attend daily chapel and worship services. They also attend a variety of workshops where they can discuss faith issues, or put their faith into action by participating in a service project.

The theme for this year's CEW was "Overwhelmed."

"There's a lot of stuff going on at the end of third quarter. Students have lots of activities, exams, homework, and big projects to finish before they leave for spring break. Many of them are just overwhelmed by all of the things they have to finish. Additionally, family issues may overwhelm them. We want our students to know that God's love and presence can be even more overwhelming, but in a good way," said Rob Lockridge, Christian Ministries Director.

Worship for CEW was led by the worship team from New Hope Sand Island. This is the second time they've led worship for CEW.

The guest chapel speaker for the week was Matt Sanders, senior pastor of Waialae Baptist Church. Sanders previously served as HBA's director of institutional advancement, and taught high school journalism. His youngest daughter, Keiko, is a junior at HBA.



Matt Sanders, senior pastor of Waialae Baptist Church, was the guest speaker for Christian Emphasis Week.

Sanders continues to be involved at HBA as a coach for the cross country team.

According to a survey issued by the department of Christian Ministries, four students accepted Jesus Christ for the first time during CEW, 52 students prayed to renew their relationship with God, and 17 students said they do not have a relationship with God, but want to learn more.

MAC Celebrates 40th Anniversary Meeting



The Mainland Advisory Council is a body of Christian supporters who believe in the purpose of HBA and are committed to ensuring its financial and spiritual well-being. The council was first organized in 1977 with 54 members. Today, 300 families from 28 states belong to the family of HBA supporters. Members attend the annual meetings in Honolulu at their own expense.



The Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) celebrated their 40th anniversary meeting in Honolulu in February.

"Over the past 40 years, [the MAC] have played a major role in the building and expansion of Hawaii Baptist Academy," said President Bento in his final address to the MAC. "Because of [their] love for God, and [their] commitment to God's school in the Pacific, HBA has survived and thrived. [Their] vital support encourages the school to maintain its Christian commitment in all aspects of its operation."

Dr. Darold Morgan, a MAC charter member from Richardson, Texas, was the guest devotional speaker. Morgan first visited HBA in 1972 at the invitation of Col. Stan Sagert.

"I discovered several things in that initial meeting: first of all, an extremely obvious dedication to quality education; secondly, an unusual devotion to Jesus Christ; and third, the friendship of Stan Sagert. That little colonel was a gifted leader with vision, determination, and wisdom. Our friendship lasted until his death a few years ago," said Morgan.

Morgan says that all of HBA's presidents have had an exceptional commitment to providing a quality education, rooted in faith. He says both of these things are desperately needed to prepare the next generation as they face new challenges in this changing world.

Throughout the week, students performed songs and shared their testimonies with MAC members. Junior Alyssa Futa told how she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior during Christian Emphasis Week in seventh grade. She grew in her faith, thanks to the mentorship of her teachers.

"Mr. and Mrs. Logan opened their home on Saturday nights and they would let us ask questions. Every week, I had a question about my faith," said Futa.

Futa says she is now making an effort to share her faith with her family, after being challenged by the Logans to live with a missional mindset.

Senior Taylor White shared how she has experienced Christ's love through her teachers.

"When I first came to HBA, I was a very different girl, with different dreams, a different attitude, and a very different understanding of God," said White. "Throughout elementary to high school, my journey in my faith has had its ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the love that I felt from all of the teachers at school."

Inspired by that love, White says she plans to study education so she can be a teacher at a Christian high school.

"My desire is to make an impact on students' lives like HBA has made an impact on mine."

On Wednesday, the MAC visited the elementary school where they met students, visited classrooms, attended chapel, and continued the stained glass mural project that began in 2013. For the last three years, MAC members have helped paint murals designed by students, that represent one part of the Biblical five act play. At chapel, the school commemorated the miraculous sale of the Sacred Hearts Convent School to the Southern Baptists in 1987, which was led by Bento. Two sisters from the Sacred Hearts Convent attended the celebration.

The following day, the MAC toured the Arts and Science Building, which is the newest building at the high school campus. Students presented science experiments, and video and art projects. Following the tour, the MAC joined the middle and high school students for chapel in the gymnasium, where worship music was led by

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the Wind Ensemble and worship team. Dr. Morgan was the guest speaker for chapel. He encouraged the students to not rely on their own wisdom when they make important decisions, rather, they should trust God with all of their heart.

The Aloha Banquet, held Friday evening at the high school gymnasium, featured a wonderful performance by the Soldiers of Light choir, Halau Hula O Kalama Ula, and the high school and middle school choirs. A special tribute was paid to the MAC for their 40 years of partnership with HBA. Several donors were also acknowledged for their generosity. Dr. Morgan and the late Doyle and Bobbie Taylor of Winnsboro, Texas, were inducted into the President's Alii Eagle Circle, which recognizes those whose lifetime gifts to HBA have reached \$100,000. Bobbie passed away in 2013, followed by Doyle in 2014. Their daughter, Susie Taylor of Richardson, Texas, accepted the award on behalf of her parents. John and Donna Stanford of Surfside Beach, S.C., and Hansel and Dorothy Kincaid of Midland, Texas, became members of the Silver Eagle Circle, for their lifetime giving of \$300,000. The Kincaids did not get to see HBA before they passed away. Gary Thurmond, executor of the Kincaid estate, represented them at the Aloha Banquet. Three local donors, whose lifetime giving has totaled over \$500,000, were welcomed into the Gold Eagle Circle. They were Ernest and Eileen Lum of Honolulu, Stanley and Joan Togikawa of Honolulu, and the Albert T. and Wallace T. Teruya Foundation.

John Stanford was elected MAC Chair for 2016–2017. He replaces Bill Cobb of Dallas, Texas. Clara Inglish of Dallas, Texas will serve as vice chair.

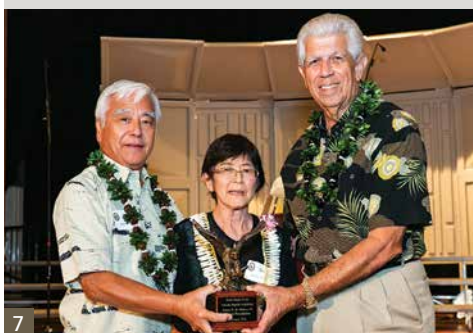
In his final address to the MAC, President Bento shared that 43 students at the elementary school, and 54 students at the middle and high school, made first-time commitments to follow Jesus Christ.

"I have great hope, optimism, and excitement about the future for HBA. Hawaii Baptist Academy is an institution with a significant past, and a tremendous future. HBA's destiny is one of character, strength and success. I ask that we continue to look to the future with excitement and expectation, and enjoy the journey together that's ahead of us," said Bento. "This is God's school, and it will remain God's school."

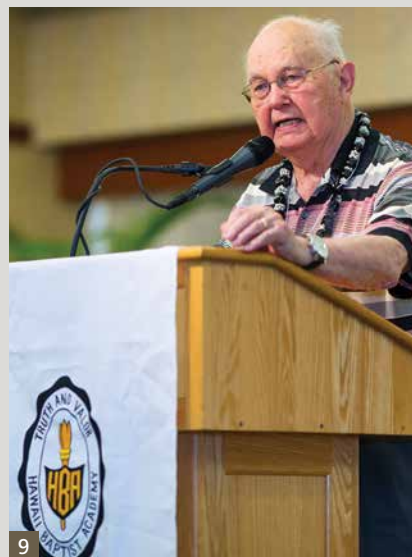
Plan to attend MAC 2017

February 21–24, 2017, Hale Koa Hotel

Go to www.hba.net/MAC for more details



(1) Succeeding MAC Chair John Stanford of Surfside Beach, S.C., right, with outgoing MAC Chair Bill Cobb of Dallas, Texas. (2) John and Donna Stanford of Surfside Beach, S.C., left, receive the Silver Eagle Circle award. (3) Stanley and Joan Togikawa, left, received the Gold Eagle Circle award. (4) Susie Taylor of Richardson, Texas, left, accepted the President's Alii Eagle Circle on behalf of her parents, Doyle and Bobbie Taylor of Winnsboro, Texas. (5) Gary Thurmond, executor of the Kincaid Estate, accepted the Silver Eagle Circle award on behalf of Hansel and Dorothy Kincaid of Midland, Texas. (6) Ernest and Eileen Lum, left, receive the Gold Eagle Circle award. (7) Wayne and Sharon Teruya, left, received the Gold Eagle Circle award on behalf of the Albert T. and Wallace T. Teruya Foundation. (8) Dr. Darold Morgan of Richardson, Texas, left, received the President's Alii Eagle Circle award. (9) Dr. Darold Morgan of Richardson, Texas, guest devotional speaker.



Alumni Chronicles

Greg Schlais '94

By Maurine King

Greg Schlais '94 sees himself as a work in progress, continually re-examining his life, values and goals. He is married to Jessica Arita '98, a social worker with Bristol Hospice. They have two young daughters, Zoey and Amelia. "I love being a father to my two girls," says Greg.



The Schlais family celebrates Easter. From left to right: Greg '94 with their dog, Pepe; Zoey, 4; Jessica (Arita) '98 and Amelia, 20 months. PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA (ARITA) SCHLAIS.

I first became aware of Greg when, as an eighth grader, he won a trip to Italy sponsored by the Gannett Company, which owned the Honolulu Star Bulletin at the time. Greg was a newspaper delivery boy and was selected as one of two newspaper kids of the year from Hawaii. He and other newspaper kids of the year from across the nation were given the opportunity to participate in the three-week trip to Italy. As Greg grew older, particularly in college and afterwards, he "invested" in foreign travel whenever he could save up enough money—backpacking through Europe, Southeast Asia, East Asia and the Philippines. Recently he and Jessica even took their children on a trip to Laos, Vietnam and Korea. Not stereotypical American tourists, they try to travel simply and do as the locals do, attempting to expose their girls to "real life."

He wants them to experience "grittiness," a term he uses often. Though Greg never suffered real want, his father died when he was nine and he was sometimes painfully aware that his family had less money than some of his HBA classmates. He remembers walking home from school every day and buying his first Nintendo and television with earnings from his newspaper route. Greg hopes to instill a similar work ethic in his girls and hopes they will know the value of hard work. He recommends *How Children Succeed*, whose author, Paul Strong, contends that conditions that develop "grit" build high achievers. But success is not the first priority for Greg. He wants his girls to

have not just "grittiness" but graciousness and generosity of spirit and a love of life.

Following graduation from Boston University, Greg stayed on in Boston for five years to work with college students under the auspices of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. During the last two years of his time with IV, he helped to organize "Global Urban Treks," social justice focused mission trips that allowed American college students to live among and work with the urban poor in third world countries. The summers of 2001 and 2002 he and his students worked among the denizens of two of Manila's notorious garbage dumps, Smoky Mountain and Payatas. This experience had a profound effect on him. At the time he even wanted to adopt one of the most badly neglected children that his group worked with. For better or for worse, he didn't, and on a later trip was unable to find what had become of the child. But Greg and Jessica do hope someday to adopt or at least foster children.

When Greg returned to Hawaii from Boston, he taught world history at Moanalua High School for two years to earn money for law school at the University of Hawaii. When I asked him at the time why he wanted to be a lawyer, he answered, "Oh, I don't want to be an attorney—I want to change the world through politics or public service!"

While earning an MBA simultaneously with his law degree, Greg's interest shifted from politics to business. He came to understand that business afforded many opportunities to make a difference,

as well. Might he make a greater difference through business? Nevertheless, he was an attorney with the local law firm of Carlsmith Ball for five years as a corporate and real estate attorney. He left Carlsmith to work briefly as the General Counsel and Vice President of Business Development of Kai Medical, Inc., a local technology start-up company that was developing a less invasive sleep apnea therapy. This was followed by a stint as the Financial Services Manager at the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. A year later, HMSA (Hawaii Medical Services Association) asked him to join its legal department.

Aware that life is more than a career, Greg has committed to three things that he wants either to explore or invest in, in addition to his family. First, Greg is seeking to invest in the community. For about two years he served on the Salvation Army's Hawaii Advisory Board. He is now on the board of Family Programs Hawaii, a nonprofit organization that actively supports the foster care system in the State of Hawaii. Second, as a way to invest in himself, Greg committed to doing woodworking projects around his home and recently constructed a treehouse for his kids. Third, as Greg is continually interested in politics, he volunteered on various political campaigns in the run-up to the 2014 election.

Ultimately, Greg would like to invest most in his character. Now that he is a father, he wants his children to grow up to be proud of him as a person and as a father.

In Memory

Alumni

Susan G. Shaw, 63, of the class of 1970, died Dec. 3, 2015 in Raleigh, NC. She was retired as a computer programmer. She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Piedad, and two sisters, Myra King of Nashville, TN and Annel Delorme of London, England.

Leslie Nickelsen Collins, 55, of the class of 1987, died Jan. 14, 2016 in Dove Canyon, Calif. She is survived by husband Doug and their seven children: Matthew 13, Cameron 11, Cortland 10, Christian 8, McClain and McKinley 5, and Ellisen 2. Leslie also leaves two brothers, Kristofer '82 and Tony '90. Contributions to care for the children may be made at: gofundme.com/lesliecollins

Stephen W. Bryan, 60, of the class of 1973, died March 30, in Rochester Hills, Mich. He had a career in quality management with BF Goodrich Aerostructures, Callaway Golf and Taylor Made Golf. He also had a royalty based art licensing business as well as real estate practice. Steve was on the board of The Band of Brothers, a Christian men's service group helping at-risk students at Detroit Lions Academy. In his honor, the Steve Bryan Scholarship Fund was established to assist Academy students. Contributions to the fund may be sent to: Band of Brothers Michigan, P.O. Box 70422, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Steve is survived by wife Deborah; son Jordan; stepsons Troy and Brad Meyer; two step-grandchildren; mother Shirley; and brothers Ken and Keith.

Harry S. Uyeunten, 80, of HBA's first graduating class of 1954, died March 18 in Honolulu. He was a retired Kailua Post Office mail carrier. He is survived by wife Evelyn; daughter Renee; brothers Senki, Richard, James and Edwin; and sister Sharon. Harry's classmate Chaplain Kiyo Itokazu officiated at the memorial service held April 30.

Leila Naomi-Seo White, 49, of Kaneohe and the class of 1985, died April 12. She was a physical therapist assistant at Hale Nani Nursing Home in Makiki. Leila is survived by husband Steve, parents Robert and Jeanette Seo, sisters Lorene Baker '82 and Robin Palama '88, and brother Kent.

Current Parents

Grace Fermin Dixon, 47, of Honolulu, a registered nurse at the Queen's Medical Center, died Dec. 27, 2015. She is survived by husband Todd; son Timothy, HBA eighth grader; daughter Jessica; father Ricardo Fermin, mother Presentacion Fermin, brother Randall Fermin and sister Aileen Fermin; also, in-laws Thomas and Narcissa Dixon, former HBA parents.

Former Faculty

Elizabeth Ann Beaulieu, 74, of Gwinn, Colorado, died Dec. 9, 2015. She taught at the HBA Leeward Campus in Waianae, 1985 to 1988 and then was principal 1988 to 1993, when she retired and moved to the mainland. Elizabeth was an active Southern Baptist her entire

life. She served as pianist, organist, Sunday School teacher, handbell director, WMU director, and missions education teacher for all age groups. She is survived by two daughters, Kimberly (Joseph) Jewett of Gwinn, and Cynthia Jackson of Phoenix, AZ; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mainland Advisory Council

Mamie Jo Birdsong Bagby, 98, passed away in Winnsboro, Texas, on Nov. 28, 2015. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Winnsboro, where she taught Sunday School and was active with Woman's Missionary Union.

Buckner Fanning, 89, of San Antonio, Texas, died February 14, one month short of his 90th birthday. He was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, 1959 to 2002. Following retirement, he continued to work as an evangelist and founded a Christian school, now known as the School at Mission Springs. He is survived by wife Martha Ann; sons Michael (Harriet) and Steve (Cecily); daughter Lisa (George) Pilgrim; and five grandchildren.

Nancy Lucielle Causby Hamrick, 93, died Feb. 19 in Salisbury, NC. She and her late husband, Weldon, were members of First Baptist Church of Kernersville. Lucy is survived by two sons, Keith (Gail) and Ron (Fan), seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and one brother, Thomas Causby of Belmont, NC, an HBA MAC member.

Nella Fae C. McElroy, 95, of Tulsa, Okla., died April 24. She had a private practice as a counselor and psychologist. She was active at First Baptist Church as a Bible study teacher and choir member. She joined the Mainland Advisory Council in 1982 and served as area chair and MAC chair. Nella Fae was predeceased by husband Bert and son Bert Colyar McElroy. She is survived by her daughters, Martha Jane McElroy of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Meredith McElroy of New Orleans, La; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The Aloha Council

Leona Chock, 73, of Honolulu, died Oct. 8. She was a teacher and small business entrepreneur. She is survived by her husband Owen, sons Colin '81 and Aron, daughter Alison Wai '85, and three grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also expressed to the following HBA staff on the loss of loved ones:

Jody Lovett, elementary music teacher, on the passing of her father, **Edward J. Stuart**, 89, of Morrison, Illinois, on Dec. 11, 2015.

Lynne Hayashi, high school library assistant, on the passing of her father **Arthur Kohara**, 85, of Honolulu on Feb. 23, 2016.

Gregory Hayashi, high school physical education teacher, on the passing of his mother, **Grace Hayashi**, 86, of Wahiawa, HI.

Wedding Announcement



Stephen Stinton '02 and **Ju Lynn Tucay** were married on January 2, 2016, at Central Union Church, in Honolulu. Steve's groomsmen included his brothers **Will '04** and **Mark '05**, and his classmates **Mike Jones**, Mr. HBA '02, and **Terence Li '02**. The Stintons currently reside in Dallas, Texas, where Ju Lynn is completing her Master of Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary and Steve is working on his Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Regent College.

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