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MAC Week 2017

Samantha (Johnson) Hague '86



Congratulations Class of 2017!

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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President's Message

Dear HBA Ohana:



It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve you in my first year as president of Hawaii Baptist Academy. I'd like to extend a special thank you to our dear friend, retired president Dick Bento, who encouraged me to return to my alma mater to serve Jesus. This journey has been very rewarding, and I look forward to what God has in store for us in the years to come. To my administrative team, faculty and staff, and to our faithful supporters who diligently

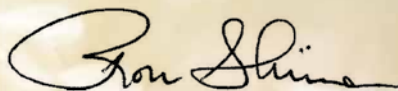
continue to finance and pray over our ministry, thank you for trusting in my leadership during this year of transition and accreditation. It has truly been a blessing for me to work alongside you.

On June 3, we celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2017. I am pleased to say that all of our graduates have been accepted to colleges in Hawaii and on the mainland. I am confident that each of them will be prepared for their new challenges ahead, because of their foundation in Jesus Christ that was laid by our caring teachers. We are blessed and thankful that God gave us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with each of these young men and women. In this edition of *Soaring Eagle*, we highlight their achievements, but beyond their academic successes, it is our hope that they will make an eternal impact wherever God has called them.

We also celebrate new lives in Christ! In March, 16 students accepted Jesus Christ for the first time at our middle and high school Christian Emphasis Week, and 126 students prayed to renew their relationship with God. To date, 53 students from all of our campuses made first time decisions to follow Jesus Christ during the 2016–2017 school year! Please continue to keep these new believers in prayer as we mentor them and nurture their relationship with God.

This past spring, the WASC and HAIS (Western Association of Schools and Colleges and Hawaii Association of Independent Schools) accreditation team visited our campuses to observe our teachers and review our report. I am pleased to announce that their visit went very well and we will get our final report from HAIS/WASC this summer. Thank you for participating in our accreditation surveys. Your feedback was invaluable, and we sincerely appreciate your support of our ministry. With prayer, we will continue to grow to become the school God has called us to be.

Sincerely,



Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



NEWS FROM
HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY

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THE CLASS OF 2017 celebrated their achievements at HBA's 64th Commencement Ceremony on June 3 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

The valedictorian was Khristian Vinca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dondi Vinca. Khristian's brother, Jensen '14, was also a valedictorian. Khristian will be participating in a two-year entrepreneurship program at CreatEd Institute in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Afterwards, he plans to study business and astrophysics.

Joshua Joo and April Laxamana were the salutatorians. Joshua is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Si Deuk Joo. He will be attending the University of Southern California. April is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Laxamana. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. April also received the Eagle Scholar Award from HBA's Parent Teacher Fellowship, for receiving all A's in grades nine through 12.

Kylie Aoki was honored with the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during her years at HBA.

Twenty-seven students were recognized as sons and daughters of HBA, for attending the school from kindergarten through grade 12.

Claire Mitchell, high school science teacher and senior advisor, delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to all 112 members of the Class of 2017!



Valedictory

Valedictorian Khristian Vinca addressed the Class of 2017. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US is to make decisions that'll create a fulfilling experience for us in these coming years, in which we'll be able to look back upon our college experience with satisfaction. More than ever before, we will have a chance to explore our creativity, to develop critical thinking skills, and to really explore options we have never seen before. Let's get out of our comfort zone and join a club, meet someone new, or take a class that you've never heard of. But whatever happens, don't fall into the safety of complacency.



From left to right: April Laxamana, Joshua Joo, Khristian Vinca

The fear of failure is prevalent in our generation. Success isn't easy and it'll take some time. Ten years from now we may still not have reached our desired goal, but what matters is that we're working to get there. Michelangelo once said, "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark." This is a man who is considered one of the greatest artists of his time. Yet even though he reached many successes, he still recognized that success isn't what matters; rather, it is the willingness to

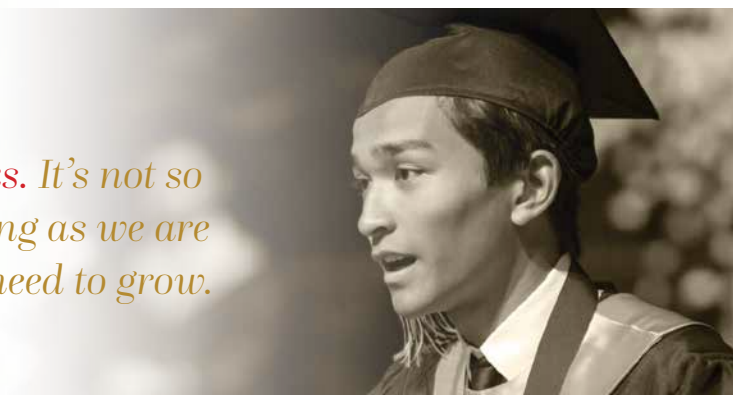
work hard despite the risks of failing. I've failed countless times, and yes, it's embarrassing. I would make excuses and blame others for fear that I'd look bad, but I've learned that failing is human.

Just because we're graduating doesn't mean we won't encounter failure any more, and these caps and gowns don't mean that we have our lives figured out, because, let's face it, we're only 17 to 18 years old. But what these caps and gowns do represent is our determination in facing failure head on, despite the fears of the unknown. These pieces of clothing represent our resilience and curiosity. I'm sure that we're all fearful here, whether it's for the future or whether it's because we're not sure if we chose the right college—but let's not spend too much time thinking whether or not we have made the right decision that we end up doing the wrong decision. Let's use this time to figure out what we want to achieve, why we want to achieve it, and how we can become the person who will make it happen. Let's use this time to start taking risks. It's not so much the end goal that matters so long as we are receptive to growing in the ways we need to grow.

The mindset we have will shape the actions we take, the decisions we make, and the way we experience the world. Let's not miss opportunities when we make poor decisions based off of unhealthy mindsets. Self-limiting thoughts such as "I'm not good enough, I can't be bothered, or I don't have enough talent for that" create excuses for us that support our complacency. We live in a world in which it's become a norm for us to accept that one's dream is unattainable, unreasonable, or unrealistic just off the basis that others say so. Class, believe in your hard work and live to your full potential. Just because I'm giving this speech doesn't mean I'm the best nor does it guarantee me a successful life. We've all struggled through the same tests and classes, and we've all worked diligently and held our responsibilities. Many of you have experienced more successes than I'll ever know—participating in sports or doing extra curricular activities like Science Olympiad or Mock Trial. Not all forms of work involve getting the highest GPA or test score.

We have come so far, but let us not make this the point where we rest just yet. Our futures and dreams are shining brightly ahead of us; don't be governed by fears or crippled by anxiety.

Let's use this time to start taking risks. It's not so much the end goal that matters so long as we are receptive to growing in the ways we need to grow.



Commencement Address

Claire Mitchell, high school science teacher and senior class advisor, gave the commencement address. The following is an excerpt from her speech.

I BELIEVE that the only one who can truly assign a meaning to creation is the creator Himself, and so, it is not our place, nor of our concern, to ask. The only true answer to the question of the meaning of life is one of faith; we simply have to trust that there is one. What we are better served by asking, however, is not what the meaning of life itself is; rather, what is the meaning of our lives? Each of us was created with a unique role to play, should we choose to take up our charge. Shakespeare gives us a fitting metaphor in “As You Like It.” He writes, “All the world’s a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts.” I will only contend with Mr. Shakespeare on the word “merely.” It is not merely a coincidence that you are alive at this time; it is not merely a coincidence that you were born to the family you belong to. There is a reason you grew up in Hawaii and not Ethiopia, and it is not by chance that you are sitting on this stage, on this day, surrounded by these people. You are not merely another cog in the mechanics of the universe, perpetuating the passing of time ad infinitum. Rather, as the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10, “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

There are currently about 7.4 billion people on our planet, and you are here today because you have a gift that no one else has,



and one that the world desperately needs. ...David Viscott, a noted psychologist, said it best when he counseled, “The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The work of life is to develop it. The meaning of life is to give your gift away.” Make no mistake, however; discovering your gifts and the meaning of your own life is not a passive undertaking. Seeking is an act that requires commitment, curiosity, creativity, an acceptance of inevitable failure, and subsequent perseverance. The meaning of your creation will not simply come to you in a dream or on a billboard. It will be revealed to you through closed doors and open windows; through a willingness to step out in faith; to look for opportunities and lessons in every success and especially every failure; through the ability to critically examine both your accomplishments and your goals; and the courage to make the necessary hard choices when they are called for.

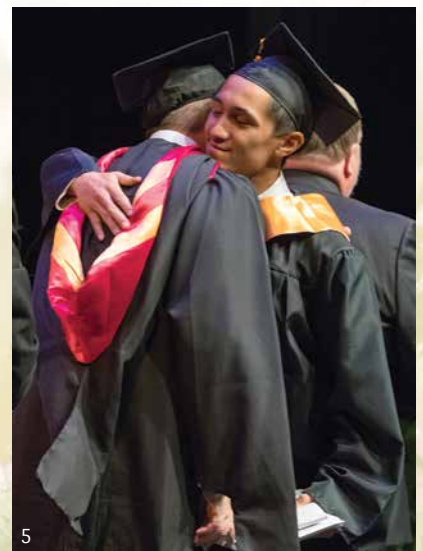
*Your character will define you
and that character is built on the
impact you have on others.*

In making your life about the greater good, and acknowledging your place in a larger story, you reject the accepted societal definition of success. By making this choice you are opting to be judged by your own personal merit. Your job, your career, your bank account balance, your car, the size of your house—these will not be the things that define you. Your character will define you and that character is built on the impact you have on others. That is true success: when you can look back and know that you made a positive difference, and that you left the world a little better than you found it.

Congratulations!



[1] **L–R:** Chase Higa, Lauren Brese, Kayla Look and Shalev Eckert, [2] Brody Uehara, [3] Kayci Kumashiro, [4] Samantha Nucum, [5] Auahi Aiu



Class of 2017

Micah James Akira Wong Abe
Alexys Siera Adriance ♦
Au'ahi Talita Atio'o Aaron Aiu
Kellie Hiroe Akiyama ★
Kylie Emi Aoki ★ ▼ ♥
Jasmine Aiko Au
Serena Chui Yee Au
Finnley Joseph Magers Baraoidan ♥
Lauren Kerensa Tin Lai Brese ♥
Kyara Alyssa Bunch ♦
Nicolas Wah Sang Caballes ★
Makenzie Jo Cammack ★ ▼ ♥
Camille Kaimilani Abella Chamness
Esther Shekinah Ulii Chang ♦
Kiara Sakiko Leialohamakamae Chun ★
Marissa Jiang Hua Noelani Chun
Aimee Nicole Clark ♦
Patrick Rhodes DellDonne
Duke William Masaru Denham ★
Nicholas Masanao Domingo ★ ♥
Dayna Beth Dumlao
Evan Takahiro Fong Ebesu ♥
Shalev Noah Eckert ♦ ▼ ♥
Sean Hiroki Flynn
Christopher Kamaluonalani Fujimoto
Alyssa Brina Akiko Futa ★ ▼
Renee' Ruiz Galolo ★ ▼
Jordyn Larraine Kimiko Hartley ♦
Jarred Raymond Makanamaikalani Sato Hee
Chase Kam Wah Takeshi Higa ♦
Kyle Royei Gin Hung Higa ♦
Ryan Thomas Higashi ★ ▼ ♥
Kelli Yuki Higashiya ★
Eliesse Miyuki Hihara ★ ▼
Samuel Wentworth Hixon ★ ▼
Nicole Alejandra Hong ♦
Joshua Ikaika Kiyoshi Ito
Joshua Min Jong Joo ★ ♥
Erin Wai Guin Kaneshiro ♦ ▼ ♥

Nicholas Musashi Kanno ★ ▼ ♥
Nicholas Yoshio Kimata
Skyler Takeo Kimura ♦
Gavin T Koizumi
Trevor Rikio Kubo ♦ ♥
Kayci Tamae Kumashiro ★ ▼
Sieri Kazue-Santos Kuranishi
Christopher Michael Kwan
Yi-Wei Lan ★
Travis S.M. Lau ♦
April Joy Dona Laxamana ★ ▼
Jennifer Thien Le ★ ▼ ♥
Saki Trami Le ♦
Lauren Masae Lee ★ ▼
Ryan Tsutomu Lee ★ ▼
Dana Hei Ting Li ♦
Kayla Mitsuko Look
Keri Nanea Lum
Aaran Manu O Kalani Maldonado
Tucker Joseph Sai On Miller ♥
Ty Nobuaki Pono Minatoya ★ ▼ ♥
Brandon Tadashi Miyasato ♦
Jared Toshiro Miyasato
Madison Asayo Mizuno ★ ▼
Tiara Maria Ellen Moss
Lincoln David Kaimilani Mussell
Tiffany Sachie Nagasawa ★
Rachel Maren Nakamoto
Taylor Mari Nakamoto ★
Noelle Etsuko Nakamura ♦ ♥
Joshua Kiyokazu Nakanishi ★ ▼
Dani R. Nishida
Caleb Chunsuk Noh ♦
Samantha Leigh Nucum ★ ▼
Kaci Carol Akiko Omoto
Tori Mie Ono
Paige Kimie Oshiro ★ ▼ ♥
Jasmine Akiko Otani
Wilson Peng

Caitlen Joy Lazaro Ramos
Kauanui Kichizo Sabas
Keiko-Ann Kealohilani Toma Sanders ★
Ryan Kiyoshi Su
Sean Kai Suetsugu
David Justin Tomio Sur
Shaye Tadao Suzuki ★
Chandelle Emiko Takahashi ★ ▼
Kellen Hajime Takatsuka ♦
Kayla Naomi Takimoto
Kylie Miyuki Tamaki ★
Hannah Leah Lahela Marie Tavares
Samantha Rene Thibodeau
David Christopher Toda ★ ▼ ♥
Karly Shizue Tom
Kristina W.L. Tommee ★ ▼
Allyson Mei Yi Trang ★ ▼
Davis Mitsuo Tsuha ★ ▼ ♥
Dylan Hiroshi Tsuruda ★ ▼ ♥
Brody Kazunori Uehara ♦
Sarah Asami Uehara ★ ▼ ♥
Davin Keiichi Uyeda
Khristian Keoni Vinca ★ ▼ ♥
Joey Chieko Watanabe
Johannah YuMi Wilford
Alexa Ji-Sook Rena Yoo ★ ▼ ♥
Kacie Hi'ilei Sadako Yoshida ♦ ▼ ♥
Megan Amy Yoshioka ★
Allen Ji Wung Young
Courtney Joy Yuklan Young
Jeron Sean Tamotsu Young ★ ▼ ♥
Judithanne Oi Yun Young ★ ▼ ♥
Kailey Kaleilani Young ★ ♥
William Jun Weng Zhu

-
- ★ With Highest Honors
 - ♦ With Honors
 - ▼ National Honor Society
 - ♥ Attended HBA since Kindergarten

Mr. & Miss HBA

Paige Oshiro and Kellen Takatsuka



HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY bestowed its highest honor, Mr. and Miss HBA, upon Kellen Takatsuka and Paige Oshiro on May 16 at the school's annual Yearbook Assembly. 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 extracurricular activities, and also in their character. Their peers elect them.

Takatsuka enrolled at HBA as a second grader. At the high school, he played varsity volleyball and basketball, served as a counselor at grade level camps, and was a tour guide/host for the admissions office and the President's Aloha Council. He has also volunteered in the community by participating in Interact Club, and he played tuba in the school band. Among his classmates, he is seen as a natural community builder who knows everyone and can bring people together. Takatsuka's father, Reid, is a graduate from the class of 1983, and his mother, Claudine (Florenco) Takatsuka, is a graduate from the class of 1992.

Oshiro is a Daughter of HBA, which means she has been a member of the HBA family since kindergarten. During her high school career, she was the sophomore class president, a student council representative, Dress Drive co-chair, Ministry Team leader and a counselor at grade-level camps. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the Arthritis Foundation, and was a math tutor for elementary students. Oshiro's commitment to academics and love for the arts—exemplified by her participation in numerous AP courses, theater productions, Soldiers of Light, Mock Trial, the Eagle Eye news team, cross country, and track—led to a permanent spot on the honor roll and finalist honors in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Oshiro's father, Deren, is the HBA athletic director and a graduate from the class of 1986.



The Takatsuka Family. From left to right: Rena Takatsuka, 10th grader; Reid Takatsuka '83; Claudine (Florenco) Takatsuka '92; and Kellen Takatsuka, Mr. HBA.



The Oshiro Family. From left to right: Peyton Oshiro, 10th grader; Deren Oshiro '86, HBA athletic director; Wendy Oshiro; and Paige Oshiro, Miss HBA.

High School Awards

Bible

Excellence in Old Testament

Trevor Chang
Elisabeth Mathews

Excellence in New Testament

Vincent Ogasawara
Lindsay Sasaki

Excellence in Christian Thought

Makenzie Cammack
Shalev Eckert
Preston Iha
Kayla Wong

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 9 Student

Lindsay Sasaki

Outstanding English 10 Student

Niko Lopez
Madelyn Weaver

Outstanding English 11 Student

Matthew Butay
Madison Moku

Outstanding English 12 Student

Ryan Higashi

Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student

Anika Keuning

Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition Student

Joshua Nakanishi
Alexa Yoo

Shakespearean Recitation Competition

Makenzie Cammack

Excellence in Photography

Jarred Hee
Kauanui Sabas

Excellence in Photography & Video Production

Kaycee Nakashima

Excellence in Comic Strip Drawing

Esther Chang

Excellence in Illustration & Writing

Kayci Kumashiro
Paige Oshiro

Excellence in Editorial Cartoon Drawing

Kylie Tamaki

Excellence in Writing

Joel Lau

Excellence in Blog Writing

Jarin Ashimine

Excellence in Video Editing

Noelle Nakamura

Eagle Eye's Most Valuable Staffer

Kayci Kumashiro

Excellence in Photography for News Production & Yearbook

Ryan Su

Most Valuable Staffer in Yearbook

Kristin Moniz

Excellence in Layout for the Yearbook

Saki Le

Excellence in Illustration for the Yearbook

Jordyn Hartley

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Geometry

Nathan Yee

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2

Kacie Moku

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2-Honors

Reanne Inafuku

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3

Niko Lopez

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry

Niko Lopez

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus

Brandon Kamiyama

Outstanding Student in Discrete Mathematics

Shaye Suzuki

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics

Allyson Trang



National Merit Program recipients. **From left to right:** Dylan Tsuruda, Certificate of Merit in 2017 National Merit Program (Finalist); Renee' Galolo, Certificate of Merit in 2017 National Merit Program (Semi-Finalist); and Paige Oshiro, Certificate of Merit in 2017 National Merit Program (Finalist).

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics

Khristian Vinca

Outstanding Student in Foundations of Calculus

Madison Mizuno

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus A/B

Kellie Akiyama
Samuel Hixon

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus B/C

Sihan Ma

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science

Dylan Tsuruda

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team

Nicholas Domingo
Brandon Kamiyama
Niko Lopez
Sihan Ma
Dylan Tsuruda

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer

Reanne Inafuku

HBA Mathematics Team Most Valuable Member

Dylan Tsuruda

Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award

Shalev Eckert

Joshua Fujita
Zachary Fujita

PE & Health

Outstanding Female Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Rachel Nakata

Outstanding Male Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Tanner Weeks

Outstanding Female Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Emily White

Outstanding Male Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Aaron Thomas

Science

Outstanding Student in Biology

Kieran Dela Cruz
Lindsay Sasaki

Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Alexander Kam
Nicole Tommee

Outstanding Student in Physics

Madison Mizuno
Joshua Nakanishi

Outstanding Student in AP Biology

Samuel Hixon
Joel Lau

**Outstanding Student in
AP Chemistry**

Queen Fang
Brandon Kamiyama

**Outstanding Student in
AP Environmental Science**

Ryan Su
Kayla Wong

**Outstanding Student in
AP Physics 1**

Zachary Fujita
Micah Mitchell

**Outstanding Student in
AP Physics 2**

Khristian Vinca

**Bausch & Lomb Honorary
Science Award**

Brandon Kamiyama

Rensselaer Medal Award

Sihan Ma

Social Studies

**Outstanding Student in
Government 9**

Kacie Kwon
Nicholas Kwon

**Outstanding Student in
Ancient World History 9**

Gabrielle Chun
Jordyn Kobayashi

**Outstanding Student in
US History 10**

Dakota Gavin
Caily Okazaki

**Outstanding Student in
Modern World History 11**

Zachary Fujita
Laurn Liao

**Outstanding Student in
AP US History**

Joel Lau

**Outstanding Student in
AP World History**

Sihan Ma

**Outstanding Student in
Economics**

Samuel Hixon
Paige Oshiro

**Outstanding Student in
Psychology**

Taylor Nakamoto

Social Science Scholar

Judithanne Young

**State Championship
Mock Trial Gold Team**

Timothy Chang

Talia Egami

Zachary Fujita

Alyssa Futa

Anika Keuning

Gavin Koizumi

Nicholas Miwa

Madison Moku

Jacqueline Morgan

Kristin Lau

Dru Pang

Sydney Settsu

Jalen Sur

Ayla Tago

**Visual & Performing
Arts & Technology
Program**

**Outstanding Achievement in
Basic Art**

Natalie Kwon
Christianne Young

**Outstanding Achievement in
Basic Drawing**

Kieran Dela Cruz
Quinn Kono

**Outstanding Achievement in
Basic Mixed Media**

Jayni Ishikawa

**Outstanding Artist in Advanced
Drawing & Painting**

Nicholas Domingo
Blythe Yoshikane

**Outstanding Artist in Advanced
Mixed Media**

Christopher Fujimoto
Kayci Kumashiro
Kiana Oka

**Outstanding Student in
Introduction to Programming**

Coltin-Kai Kaupiko

**Outstanding Achievement in
Animation**

Dakota Gavin
Reyn Honbo

**Outstanding Craftsmanship in
Ceramics 1**

Anna Kerr
Hannah Tavares

**Outstanding Craftsmanship in
Ceramics 2**

Esther Chang
Akemi Santiago

Outstanding Film Student

Dana Li
Noelle Nakamura

**Outstanding Student in
Concert Band 1**

Kellen Chang

**Outstanding Student in
Concert Band 2**

Chad Abarbanel

**Outstanding Student in
Wind Ensemble**

Madison Mizuno
Dylan Tsuruda

**Outstanding Leadership in
Wind Ensemble**

Khristian Vinca

**Excellence in Service &
Development of the Band
Program**

Tani Takushi

Outstanding Student in Theater

Makenzie Cammack
Paige Oshiro

World Languages

**Outstanding Achievement in
Chinese 1**

Kassidy Trang

**Outstanding Achievement in
Chinese 2**

Kristen Kaneshiro

**Outstanding Achievement in
Chinese 3**

Julia Lu

**Outstanding Achievement in
Chinese 4**

Serena Au

Overall Excellence in Chinese

Alyssa Futa

**Outstanding Achievement in
Japanese 1**

Davin Nikaido
Lindsay Sasaki

**Outstanding Achievement in
Japanese 2**

Lauren Uchimura
Kasen Wong

**Outstanding Achievement in
Japanese 3**

Kaylie Hayashida
Laurn Liao

**Outstanding Achievement in
Japanese 4**

Saki Le
Ryan Lee

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Ryan Lee, second from the left, and Kristina Tommee, second from the right, received the HBA Alumni Association Scholarship. The award was presented by Shawn Saito '12, left, HBA Alumni Association president, and Winona (Au) White '83, right, former HBA Alumni Association president.

High School Awards *(continued from page 7)*



Colby Nagano, left, received the L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award presented by Ryan Frontiera, high school vice principal.



Keiko Ann Sanders, left, and April Joy Laxamana, right, received the White Ohana College Scholarship presented by Winona (Au) White '83, center.



Kylie Aoki, left, was the recipient of the Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship.



Lauren Brese, center, received the Kilohana Kai Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong. The award was presented by Richard Yaginuma, left, president of Kilohana Kai; Betty Wong, second from the left, widow of Larry Wong; Evelyn Chang, second from the right, Mr. Wong's sister; and Ron Shiira, right, HBA president.



The recipients of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award. From left to right: Judithanne Young, Alyssa Futa, and Jacqueline Morgan.

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Kylie Tamaki

Overall Excellence in Language Usage and Cultural Interaction for Japan Trip

Lauren Lee
Kacie Yoshida

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1

Gabrielle Chun
Kailee Ishikawa

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2

Aaron Thomas
Nicole Tommee

Overall Excellence in Spanish 3

Matthew Butay

Overall Excellence and Outstanding Usage of Language in Spanish 3

Alissa Vasper

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4

Samuel Hixon

Overall Excellence in Spanish

Renee' Galolo

National Merit Program

Letter of Commendation in the 2017 National Merit Program

Joshua Joo

Certificate of Merit in 2017 National Merit Program (Semi-Finalist)

Renee' Galolo

Certificate of Merit in 2017 National Merit Program (Finalist)

Paige Oshiro
Dylan Tsuruda

PTF Awards

PTF High Achievement Award

Lucas Chun
Zachary Fujita
Katelyn Higashiya
Reanne Inafuku
Anika Keuning
Rhylie Kono
Kristin Lau
Jamie Lee
Micah Mitchell
Nicole Tommee
Emily White
Christianne Young

PTF Service Award—Grade 9

Alyssa Mayeshiro
Cobi Pimental

PTF Service Award—Grade 10

Dakota Gavin
Kristin Lau

PTF Service Award—Grade 11

Zachary Fujita
Blythe Yoshikane

PTF Service Award—Grade 12

Makenzie Cammack
Davis Tsuha

Special Awards & Service Recognition

Daughters of the American Revolution—Good Citizen

Kylie Aoki

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Alyssa Futa
Jacqueline Morgan
Judithanne Young

HBA Alumni Association Scholarship

Ryan Lee
Kristina Tommee

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Alexa Yoo, second from the right, received the Sue Nishikawa Scholarship presented by Faith McFtridge, left, Naomi Masuno, second from the left, and President Ron Shiira, right.

Kilohana Kai Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong

Lauren Brese

L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award

Colby Nagano

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

Kylie Aoki

Sue Nishikawa Scholarship

Alexa Yoo

White Ohana College Scholarships

April Joy Laxamana

Keiko Ann Sanders

Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Scholarship

Paige Oshiro

Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Kalyn Char
Michelle Fukumitsu
Cassidy Hamamoto
Jada Inouye
Kaitlin Ito
Jennah Laxamana
Niko Lopez
Marcus Mau
Kacie Moku
Sydney Nucum
Caily Okazaki
Sydney Settsu
Rena Takatsuka
Dylan Tanioka
Lauren Uchimura
Kasen Wong
Joy Yukumoto

National Honor Society Inductees

Courtney Arume
Kalyn Char
Gabrielle Chun

High School Awards

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Taylor Eleola
Cole Galicinao
Kathryn Harada
Kailee Ishikawa
Aiden Kawabata
Jordyn Kobayashi
Kacie Kwan
Nicholas Kwon
Joel Lau
Jennah Laxamana
Jamie Lee
Lauryn Liao
Niko Lopez
Sihan Ma
Ethan Sanekane
Lindsay Sasaki
Kassidy Trang
Christianne Young

Middle School Awards

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7

Connor Malinger
Sarah Williams

Excellence in Bible 8

Aimee-Louise Lee
Johnson Lin

English

Outstanding English 7 Student

Sarah Williams

Outstanding English 8 Student

Johnson Lin
Johanna Seng

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Math 7

Amanda Sato
Haley Taka

Outstanding Student in Algebra 1

Noah Abe
Jasmine Oki

PE & Health

Outstanding Performance in Physical Education and Health

Justin Do
Amanda Sato

Outstanding Performance in Health and Fitness

Asja Deai
Nathan Jochim

Science

Outstanding Student in Science 7

Joni Ruan
Kaylee Ann Tani

Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8

Aimee-Louise Lee
Johnson Lin

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Geography

Kaylee Ann Tani
Sarah Williams

Outstanding Student in American History 8

Johnson Lin
Johanna Seng

Visual & Performing Arts & Technology Program

Outstanding Student in Beginning Programming 8

Daniel Jurek

Outstanding Student in Robotics 7-8

Noah Watanabe

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 7

Madison Duren
Justin Mayeshiro

Outstanding Visual & Performing Arts Student in Fine Arts 8

Abraham Fujimoto
Sydney Senter

Outstanding Student in Drama

Angela Abinales
Cade Kilbey

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art

Abraham Fujimoto
Shane Hirano
Meredith Lau
Kaylee Ann Tani

Outstanding Student in Middle School Beginning Band

Noah Shiira
Reese Yoshikawa

Outstanding Student in Middle School Band

Ethan Aimoto
Tiffany Hamada

Special Middle School Award

Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence in Middle School)

Sydney Senter



Sydney Senter

Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration

THE CLASS OF 2023 said “aloha” to the Richard Bento Elementary Campus on May 30 at the Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration.

Forty students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, which means they have attended the school since kindergarten.

Twelve students received the President’s Award for Academic Excellence. These students had an A- average or better in fourth and fifth grade, during the first two quarters of sixth grade and scored at least 85 percentile on standardized testing in reading and math. Four students were recognized for scoring highest in their class on a national language arts, math, and science competition. They are: Cameron Pien, language arts; Kira Baker and Megan Lee, math; and Ashlee Cole, science.

Six students were elected by their peers for the following awards: Cameron Pien and Kyle Kumasaka, Citizenship Award; Jolie Wong and Marcus Garces, J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, then Yourself) Award; and Sera Gavin and Jak Kim, All Around Awards.

Congratulations to all 83 members of the Class of 2023!



The recipients of the All-Around, J.O.Y and Citizenship Awards. **Left to right:** Cameron Pien, Kyle Kumasaka, Marcus Garces, Jolie Wong, Jak Kim and Sera Gavin.



[1] Careah Baitlon (left) and Caylie Takahashi. [2] **L-R:** Madison Adams, Jacie Sakaino, and Kalysta Fujihara. [3] **L-R:** Keirra Guerri, Abigail Powell, Abigail Ng, Kyle Kumasaka, Sean Skaaning, Jordan Davenport, Sarah Davenport, and Miya Yukumoto. [4] **L-R:** Trent Mitchell, Jordon Qin, and Kaeden Miyoi. [5] Tim Kaneshiro '70, elementary vice principal and admissions officer.

Athletic Awards

THE 2016–17 school year was outstanding for HBA's athletic program. This year, four teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Championship. These were girls and boys volleyball, girls tennis, and boys bowling. Two teams finished as HHSAA State Runners-Up (girls volleyball, girls cross country) and one team won an HHSAA State Championship (boys volleyball).

At the annual Varsity Athletic Banquet held on May 20, about 135 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards.

PacFive Award Winners

- Noelle Nakamura '17 (softball)
- Nick Kanno '17 (boys soccer)
- Evan Ebesu '17 (precision riflery)
- Alexa Yoo '17 (sporter air riflery)
- Brandon Miyasato '17 (baseball)

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS:

Eagle Award (students who lettered in 3 varsity sports)

- Ka'imilani Duncklee '20 (volleyball, basketball, water polo)
- Payton Lee '19 (football, basketball, track)
- Peyton Oshiro '19 (cross country, basketball, track)
- Keiko Ann Sanders '17 (cross country, wrestling, judo)

Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards

Male: Evan Ebesu '17 (sporter air riflery, precision riflery)

Female: Kyara Bunch '17 (cross country, track)

Athletes of the Year

Male: Kellen Takatsuka '17 (basketball, volleyball)

Females: Ally Wada '18 (volleyball, basketball) and Madison Moku '18 (track)

Robert Fulford Scholar

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

Male: Joshua Joo '17 (bowling)

Female: April Laxamana '17 (cross country)



Seven outstanding students were recognized at the 2017 Varsity Banquet on May 20. **From left to right:** Joshua Joo '17, Bowling, Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete Award; April Laxamana '17, Cross Country, Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete Award; Kellen Takatsuka '17, Basketball and Volleyball, Male Athlete of the Year; Madison Moku '18, Track and Field, Female Athlete of the Year; Ally Wada '18, Volleyball and Basketball, Female Athlete of the Year; Evan Ebesu '17, Sporter Air Riflery and Precision Air Riflery, Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Award; and Kyara Bunch '17, Cross Country and Track and Field, Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Award. *Photo by Deren Oshiro.*

8th Grader Wins State Geographic Bee

IN WHAT COUNTRY can you find the city of Tauranga, located on the Bay of Plenty? Eighth grader Logan Kakugawa knows where it is, and he will never forget. On March 31, Kakugawa became the state champion of the Hawaii Geographic Bee after stating the bay's location. (In case you're wondering, the Bay of Plenty is located on New Zealand's North Island. Its name comes from the abundant resources discovered there by Captain James Cook.)

Kakugawa remembered the bay's location after taking a short quiz on the Internet about New Zealand. That's how he spent a lot of his time preparing for this contest, along with reading books, news articles and watching YouTube videos for 15 to 20 minutes a day. To be fully prepared, he studied geography, social studies and

current events. This was Kakugawa's second time competing in the state bee. Last year he finished third.

Kakugawa is the very first student from Hawaii Baptist Academy to win the state title. As the state champion, he received \$100 from the Hawaii Geographic Bee. He also got a free trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national competition, May 14–17.

The state Geographic Bee is part of a national competition that uses materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The purpose of the competition is to increase student interest in geography.

HBA was also represented at the state Geographic Bee by sixth grader Cameron Pien. This was Pien's first time competing.



Logan Kakugawa, 8th grader, won the Hawaii State Geographic Bee on March 31. He is the first HBA student to win the state title.

Eagle Eye Wins Best in State Three Years in a Row



The HBA Eagle Eye Staff won best in state for the third year in a row on April 19. **Back row, left to right:** Kellen Takatsuka, senior; Jarred Hee, senior; Ryan Su, senior; Jordyn Hartley, senior; Kaycee Nakashima, freshman; Makenzie Cammack, senior; Noelle Nakamura, senior; and Aimee Clark, senior. **Front row, left to right:** David Sur, senior; Kauanui Sabas, senior; Jarin Ashimine, freshman; Ryan Higashi, senior; Paige Oshiro, senior; Kayci Kumashiro, co-editor and senior; Joel Lau, co-editor and junior; Karly Tom, senior; Renee' Galolo, senior; and Johannah Wilford, senior.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER, *The Eagle Eye*, has won best in state for the third year in a row.

On April 19, the students competed against 15 high schools, seven private and eight public. The *Eagle Eye* won first place in seven categories, including best website and Best Single Issue. Eunice Sim, who joined HBA's faculty in 2012, teaches the class.

"On our way back from the awards luncheon, I told the students that winning both the Best Single Issue and Best Website awards is a testament to everyone having pitched in to our success. If there's one thing I want them to take away from being a part of the *Eagle Eye*, it's that they should always strive to produce excellent work and make the best out of whatever they do," said Sim.

The newspaper class is led by co-editors Kayci Kumashiro, senior, and Joel Lau, junior.

Following in second place was Mililani High School, and Sacred Hearts Academy finished third overall.

VISIT THE EAGLE EYE WEBSITE AT:
<https://hbaeagleeye.com>

HBA Wins First Mock Trial State Championship



HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM won their very first state championship on April 1. The Gold Team took on Island High School (Kauai) and the Blue Team from Moanalua High School. Alyssa Futa, 12th grader and team captain, says their multi-talented team secured their win.

The team meets three times a week; twice after school, and again on Saturdays. Saturday practices can last up to six hours.

"This year's teams, Gold and Black, were a group of leaders. Top to bottom, each, at various times demonstrated leadership in their own way," said Troy Egami, Mock Trial head coach. "Most important, this team got along well. No egos. No selfishness. Always supportive of one another."

Egami coached both teams. He was assisted by Maurine King, retired HBA teacher, Robert Weismantel '99, social studies teacher, Christian Nakanishi '06 and August Suehiro '67.

From left to right: Anika Keuning, 11th grade; Gavin Koizumi, 12th grade; Kristin Lau, 10th grade; Sydney Settsu, 10th grade; Alyssa Futa, 12th grade; Talia Egami, 11th grade; Nicholas Miwa, 11th grade; Jalen Sur, 11th grade; Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna; Jacqueline Morgan, 11th grade; Ayla Isabel Tago, 11th grade; Zachary Fujita, 11th grade; and Timothy Chang, 11th grade. Photo by Robert Weismantel '99.

The state Mock Trial Program is overseen by the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association. High school students act as lawyers and witnesses in simulated trials before actual judges.

HBA's participation in Mock Trial began in the 1997–1998 school year. In its 19 years, the team has been coached by many alumni lawyers. They include Steven Kim '81, Susan Kitsu '83, Naomi (Uyeno) Kuwaye '85, Nikki (Murayama) Senter '89 and Courtney (Glaza) Naso '89.

Students Recognized at State Art Show

FIVE HBA STUDENTS had their artwork recognized at the 54th Annual Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards event on February 25. They are:

- [1] **Finnley Baraoidan**, 12th grade. "Fire Dance" Photograph. Gold Key award.
- [2] **Kayci Kumashiro**, 12th grade. "Carousel Delights" Ceramic. Gold Key award.
- [3] **Braden Hall**, 8th grade. "Harmonious Anthem" Mixed Media. Gold Key award.
- [4] **Kaylee Ann Tani**, 7th grader. "Moody Me" Tempera Paint. Silver Key award.
- [5] **Kylie Tamaki**, 12th grade. "Paint and Suffering" Gold Key & a special regional award: Windward Artists Guild Award.

Their artwork was displayed at the Hawaii State Art Museum through April 7. This is the first time HBA has entered work that has been chosen for the State Scholastic Art Awards.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program has recognized and supported



student talent since 1923. They are sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Through the program, students in grades 7–12 have a chance to earn scholarships and have their works

exhibited and published. The artwork of our Gold Key award recipients (Baraoidan, Hall, Kumashiro and Tamaki) was also reviewed for the national competition.

Service Dog Joins HBA Ohana

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY has added a new, furry member to its ohana. On May 23, the school welcomed Buddy, a Diabetic Alert Dog, to the high school campus. He is assisting ninth grader Mason Mayeda, who has Diabetes Type 1.

Buddy, who is a golden retriever and poodle mix, has been specifically trained to react to changes in Mason's blood sugar levels by smelling his breath or perspiration. When a change

occurs, Buddy alerts Mason by pawing at him. There is no cure for Diabetes Type 1. Those who suffer from the disease are dependent upon insulin for their entire lives. Edwin Peebles, a trainer for Diabetic Alert Dogs, says dogs can detect changes in the body 30 minutes faster than a machine. The early warning may prevent a visit to the hospital, and may even save Mason's life. Buddy cost the Mayedas \$15,000, and he was not covered by insurance. But for the Mayedas, it's a great investment that provides invaluable peace of mind.

"I wake up around 1:30 or 2 o'clock in the morning to take [Mason's] blood sugar levels to make sure he'll make it through the night. Now Buddy's there so we can lean on Buddy," John Mayeda, Mason's father, said in an interview with Hawaii News Now.

The students were introduced to Buddy at a school assembly, where they learned to treat Buddy as a service animal and not as a pet. HBA is one of the first private schools on the island of Oahu to allow service dogs.

"I am very proud of HBA for allowing a service dog on campus to support Mason. We really want HBA to be a place where all of our students can feel that they belong, and they are supported. This is also a great opportunity for our students to learn about the role of a service animal. It is my hope that our students will come to appreciate the tremendous assistance that service animals provide," said Marsha Hirae '72, high school principal.



Buddy, a certified Diabetic Alert Dog, is assisting ninth grader Mason Mayeda.

Ministry Camp



Clockwise from top left: John Kaneshiro '06, right, Christian Ministries associate and worship leader, washes the feet of Shalev Eckert, left, at Ministry Camp; students worship on the beach at Pokai Bay; teachers washed the feet of graduating seniors at a commissioning ceremony; the underclassmen pray over the graduating seniors.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY'S Christian Ministries Department hosted its annual Ministry Team Camp from May 18–20, 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 train new leaders for the upcoming school year.

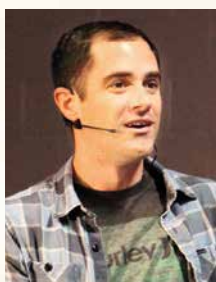
Camp began Thursday evening at Pokai Bay. Students shared their testimonies with one another, and worshipped God while watching the sunset on the beach. Throughout the weekend, the students attended training workshops led by HBA faculty members and members of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

On Friday evening, a commissioning ceremony was held. The students prayed over the graduating seniors. Then, the teachers washed the feet of the graduating seniors while offering words of affirmation. In return, the seniors washed the feet of the underclassmen, and also offered them words of affirmation.

CEW 2017: Jesus

WHO IS JESUS? That was the question of this year's middle and high school Christian Emphasis Week (CEW), which was held March 6–10. Each year, the Christian Ministries Department hosts a special week where students are able to learn more about God through daily chapel services.

"When speaking about Jesus, it is best to begin with what He says about Himself. So we based the chapel messages and devotionals on the seven 'I am' statements Jesus uses in the gospel of John," said Rob Lockridge, Christian Ministries Director.



Justin White

The guest speaker for CEW was Justin White, pastor of Harbor Church West Oahu. Prior to starting Harbor Church West Oahu, White served as a pastor for connection at Harbor Church Honolulu. Worship was led by Jacob Pierce and the Grace Fellowship Band.

Students also attended a variety of workshops where they discussed faith issues, or put their faith into action by participating in a service project. This year, all of the ninth grade students were required to participate in a service project within walking distance of the school. These projects included cleaning toys for Partners In Development, a local non-profit that provides free preschool to homeless children, sorting recycling bins at Maemae Elementary School, and making crafts with geriatric patients at Kuakini Hospital.



Ninth graders Erin Arashiro, left, and Tatiana Chang, right, organize Legos in a STEM classroom at Maemae Elementary School for their service project during Christian Emphasis Week.

"Each year our ninth grade advisory curriculum challenges our students to grow by doing something that is too big for someone to do alone. This year, our homerooms were given a local ministry or organization to engage with and learn from. We hope that such challenges will help them to do both hard work and good work. These projects will also help our students reflect on our school's ESLRs of love and commitment," said Tony Traugher, Bible teacher and ninth grade advisory curriculum director.

According to a survey issued by the department of Christian Ministries, 16 students accepted Jesus Christ for the first time during CEW, 126 students prayed to renew their relationship with God, 402 students said their faith was greatly strengthened throughout the week, and 45 students said they do not have a relationship with God but want to learn more.



Carolyn Cobb of Dallas, Texas, gets a high touch reception at the elementary campus.

MAC Week 2017

The Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) held their 41st annual meeting in Honolulu, February 21–24. The council is a body of Christian supporters who believe in HBA’s mission, and are committed to supporting the school through prayer and finances. They come from 28 states, and attend the annual meeting in Honolulu at their own expense.

“The theme of this year’s MAC Week was ‘Transform,’ which is the same as our school theme. At HBA, we desire to be a school that demonstrates God’s transforming power in each person’s life,” said Ron Shiira ’75, president.

Throughout the week, students performed songs and shared their testimonies with MAC members. Dorian Ho, junior, shared that he



Dorian Ho

accepted Christ thanks to the mentorship of John Kaneshiro ’06, Christian Ministries Associate/Worship Leader.

“Now that I’m with Christ, a lot has changed. I’m watching what I say and do, and I’m more cautious about my decisions. I try to reflect Christ in everything I do because I want to be a role model for God,” said Ho.

Ho says he’s also much happier, and is at peace over the passing of his grandmother. Before he became a Christian, he was angry that God took his grandmother away. Now, he is joyful that she is with the Lord in heaven.

Reese Yoshikawa, seventh grader, shared how a guest speaker at chapel gave her hope during a difficult time in her life.



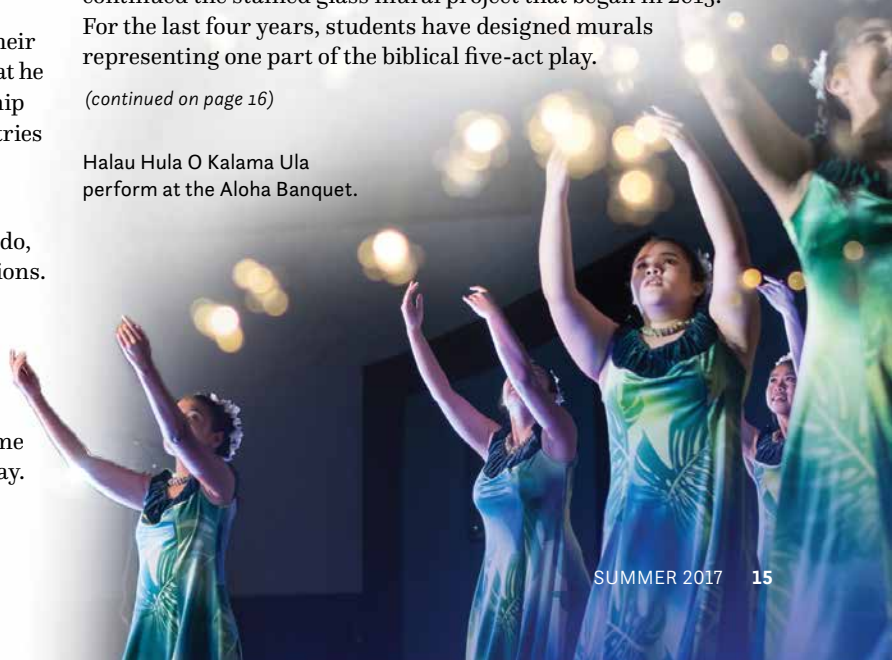
Reese Yoshikawa

“God worked through the speaker, and I can never forget the miracle of God or my experience. It felt like time had stopped when the speaker spoke, and it felt like the speaker was the only voice in the world. And now I know why people are so awed when God speaks to them,” said Yoshikawa.

On Wednesday, the MAC visited the elementary classrooms and worshipped with the students at chapel. They also continued the stained glass mural project that began in 2013. For the last four years, students have designed murals representing one part of the biblical five-act play.

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Halau Hula O Kalama Ula perform at the Aloha Banquet.





Clockwise from top left: Incoming MAC Chair Clara Inglish of Dallas with outgoing Chair John Stanford, devotional speaker Rev. Shane Segars, MAC celebrates the naming of the elementary school after former HBA president Richard Bento (far left), Jim and Shirley Taliaferro of Louisville, Kentucky receive the Alii Eagle award from President Ron Shiira.



Each year, MAC members have helped complete the murals by adding color. The MAC also celebrated the naming of HBA's elementary campus after Richard Bento, who retired in June 2016 after serving as HBA's president for 22 years.

The following day, the MAC joined the middle and high school students for worship during chapel. Worship music was led by the Wind Ensemble and worship team. Reverend Shane Segars, who is the Multi-site Director for Centerpoint Fellowship in Prattville, Alabama, and was the guest devotional speaker for MAC Week, shared with the students how he found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ during his freshman year in college.

"I knew all about Jesus, but I didn't know Jesus," said Segars. "Transformation comes through a personal relationship with Jesus living on the inside."

On Friday evening, MAC Week came to a close with the Aloha Banquet. The banquet, which was held in the high school gymnasium, featured an outstanding performance by the Soldiers of Light choir, Halau Hula O Kalama Ula, and the high school and middle school choirs.

Two MAC families were acknowledged for their commitment and generosity to HBA. Jim and Shirley Taliaferro of Louisville, Kentucky, were presented with the President's Alii Eagle, which

recognizes those whose lifetime gifts to HBA have reached \$100,000. Shirley served as MAC chair, 2012–2013. Clarence and Anne McCreless of Dallas, Texas, were posthumously inducted into the Silver Eagle Circle, which recognizes donors with a lifetime giving of \$300,000. The McCrelesses joined MAC in 1996.



Ed McCreless with wife Starlene accepts the Silver Eagle on behalf of Ed's parents Clarence and Anne McCreless of Dallas, Texas.

Clarence passed away in 2016, and Anne passed away in 2014. The Clarence and Anne McCreless Scholarship Endowment Fund was established at HBA from their generous bequest. Their son, Ed, and his wife, Starlene, from Rogers, Arkansas, accepted the award on their behalf.

Clara Inglish of Dallas, Texas, was elected MAC Chair for 2017–2018. She replaces John Stanford of Surfside Beach, South Carolina. Bob Oxford of Golden, Colorado, will serve as vice chair.

PLAN TO ATTEND **MAC Week 2018**
February 20–23

Alumni Chronicles

Samantha (Johnson) Hague '86

By Maurine King

To do justice to the amazing journey of Samantha “Sam” (Johnson) Hague '86 would take a book. But the long story short brings to mind the verse from Psalm 68:6—“God setteth the solitary in families.”

Sam says that in September of 1997, “I was a single mom of a six-year-old daughter [Lyxee] in Australia and doing my training with Youth With a Mission. Twenty years later, I’m in East Texas on staff with YWAM, a grandmother of two delightful and precious children that live in England, a newlywed, a new mother to a nine-year-old son with ADHD, and the caregiver of my mother with Alzheimer’s.”

Most of those 20 years have been with Living Alternatives (www.livingalternatives.org), a ministry that serves about 150 girls a month at a Pregnancy Resource Center for free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Sam has worked directly at Fatherheart, a maternity home connected with the Center. In those years she has assisted at several births and has loved and counseled hundreds of often very young mothers. Sam’s letters tell about the struggles of these girls to overcome abuse, fear, addiction, guilt, and bad decisions. Some stories have happy endings, with babies going to adoptive families. Others are less happy, with girls returning to Fatherheart with repeat pregnancies. One of these babies became part of Sam’s family.

Sam met her husband, Todd, through his mother, Doreen Hague, who is the director of the Pregnancy Resource Center. Love blossomed and they married in 10 months. Todd has three biological brothers and three adopted siblings. One of these, Sherri, was adopted at the age of two. Sherri had had a rough start, with emotional scars that even a loving new family couldn’t heal. As a teen, she stayed at Fatherheart herself, where Sam did her admission interview and intake,



[1] The Hague Family in England in July 2016. **Back row, L-R:** Todd Hague, Sam’s husband; Sam (Johnson) Hague '86; Winston Fruge, Sam’s grandson; Lyxee Fruge, Sam’s daughter; Dustin Fruge, Sam’s son-in-law; and Ezri Fruge, Sam’s granddaughter. **Front row:** Dominic Hague, Sam’s adopted son. [2] Samantha in 1986. [3] Sam in 1991 with her daughter, Lyxee, at 6 weeks old. [4] Sam, left, adopts Dominic Hague, center, on December 12, 2016. [5] The Hagues on their wedding day on July 31, 2015. Photos: Courtesy of Samantha Hague

and gave birth to Dominic. Because of Sherri’s instability, caring for the child fell to Doreen and Todd. Eventually Todd adopted Dominic himself.

After they were married, Todd and Sam began to discuss adoption, so that Sam would be Dominic’s legal mother. But they both rely on donations for their income, with not much money for the lawyers’ fees. To the rescue came Shannon, a former Fatherheart girl who is now a wife, mother, and para-legal. Her business, FED-UP LEGAL SOLUTIONS, prepares documents for clients. With the further help of a sympathetic lawyer, Dominic was adopted on December 12, 2016, the day after his ninth birthday, thus starting his tenth year with a mom. Big sister

Lyxee joined the family via FaceTime in the courtroom.

Sam says, “How God put this all together is so beautiful!” He indeed has put together a family for a woman who has helped so many others do the same.

They reside in Texas. Todd teaches history and literature at Christian Heritage School. Sam’s daughter, Lyxee, lives in England with her husband and their two children. Lyxee and her husband are also YWAM missionaries.

You can reach the Hagues at samiamgodheis@me.com.

Alumni Events

In April, our alumni office hosted some great events in Portland and Phoenix. If you're interested in hosting an alumni event in your area, please contact Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, alumni relations officer, at cmasaki@hba.net.



PORTLAND ALUMNI RECEPTION at the Westin Portland on April 15, 2017. **From L-R:** Julia Kimoto, Logan Takeda '16, Chris Yeung '05, Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, Matthew Morita '04, Erin Moriki '09, Ryan Tawara '08, Shaina Inn '10, Edward Saito '06, Deanna Kaneshiro '04, Raena (Kaneshiro) Nelson '02, and Dawn Murakami '93.



NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK. Arizona Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres on April 27, 2017. **From L-R:** Al Delossa; Sue Delossa, past faculty 1982-1988; and Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, alumni relations officer.



PHOENIX RECEPTION at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Tempe on April 28, 2017. **Front row, L-R:** Lanette (Berryman) Stewart '85, and Janelle (Berryman) Swiader '89 Associate. **Back row, L-R:** Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, alumni relations officer; and Keaka Hashimoto '95 Associate.



PORTLAND ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER at the Bowl and Berry in Beaverton, Oregon on April 16, 2017. **Front row, L-R:** Alena Kobayashi '95; Shaina Inn '10, owner of The Bowl and Berry; Erin Moriki '09; Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, alumni relations officer; and Michelle (Sutton) McCoy '98. **Back row, L-R:** Robert Whitfield, donor relations officer; Chris Yeung '05; and Matthew Morita '04.

Reunions



THE CLASS OF 2006 celebrated their 10-year reunion in Waikiki on December 23, 2016. **Top row, L-R:** Brandon Lee, Jeremy Yeung, Matthew Tanigawa, Nicole Ginoza, Brett Honda, Aaron Kim, Cameron Holm, Angie Lee, Jodi Kamemoto, Cody Barretta, and Cullen Matsumoto. **Second from the top row, L-R:** Jeremy Young, Reyna Fujii, Jessica Shinomura, Angela Yoshioka, Mychal Hatae, Jessica Johnson, and Michael Hirae. **Third from the top row, L-R:** Edward Saito, Kyle Jones, Nicholas Norimoto, Kaysha Izumoto, Joanna Lee, Nicole Chong, Deanne Dexter, Elizabeth Chau, and Candace (Yonashiro) Barretta. **Bottom row, L-R:** Clarice Masaki,

Stacie Sueda, Janine Diehl, Katherine (Pang) Moriyama, Felicia Won, Megan Chan, Jeremy Kong, and Blaine Shimabukuro. *Photo courtesy of Candace Barretta.*

THE CLASS OF 1967 visited HBA's administration building on Wyllie Street on April 13, 2017, as part of their 50th reunion celebration. **Front row, L-R:** Sharry (Au) Frascarelli; Gail (Lam) Tanigawa; Hazel (McGregor) Walker; Debbie (Sadaoka) Vanairsdale; Charlene (Kuwaye) Higuchi; and Maurine King, retired faculty. **Back row, L-R:** Clyde Ishida, Stanley Wong, Michael Tanigawa, Lorin Chun, and Anson Au. *Photo courtesy of Gail Tanigawa.*



Baby Eagles

Nathan Takeo Setoda [1] was born on June 26, 2016, to Stan and Alicia (Kanehiro) '98 Setoda. He weighed 6 lbs. and 15.5 oz., and was 20 inches long. Nathan's grandfather, Tim Kanehiro '70, is the admissions officer at HBA's elementary school.

Maia Kyoko Kagehiro [2] was born on August 1, 2016, to John '10 and Macy (Tokuda) '12 Kagehiro. She weighed 5 lbs. and 4.8 oz., and was 18 inches long.

Sarah Joy Michiko Honzaki [3] was born on December 13, 2016, to George and Tammie Honzaki. She weighed 5 lbs. and 15 oz., and was 22 inches long. Sarah Joy's father is the HBA middle school principal. Sibling: Sophia Grace, 4.

Hope Akari Duenas [4] was born on December 19, 2016, to Dural and Faith (Yoshida) '01 Duenas. She weighed 7 lbs. and 5 oz., and was 20 inches long. Faith's grandmother, Sue Yoshida, is the middle and high school admissions secretary at HBA. She was also welcomed by her Uncle Nathan Yoshida '98 and Aunt Joy Yoshida '99.

Brody Hiroyuki de la Garza [5] was born on March 22, 2017, to Adrian and Heather (Cruz) '02 de la Garza. Brody weighed 6 lbs. and 8 oz., and was 20 inches long.



Weddings

Classmates **Cody Barretta** '06 and **Dr. Candace (Yonashiro) Barretta** '06 (left) were married August 22, 2015, at Koolau Ballrooms in Kaneohe, Hawaii. They currently reside in Kaneohe.

Joel Kurata '02 and Kristin (Nishihara) Kurata (right) were married on November 19, 2016, at the Kahala Hotel in Honolulu. They currently reside in Honolulu.



In Memory

Alumni

Carey Morishige-Martinez, 39, of Kaneohe and the class of 1995, passed away during childbirth on Nov. 5, 2016. She was Executive Director of the U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee Secretariat and also Pacific Islands Regional/Outreach Coordinator for the NOAA Marine Debris Program, including the UH Sea Grant College Program. Carey is survived by her husband Jonathan Martinez, their new-born daughter, Mika; sister Nikki 2000; and parents Wayne and Janie Morishige.

Aaron S. Onuma, 36, of the class of '98, died Dec. 4, 2016, in Providence, Oregon. He was a graduate assistant at Portland State University. He is survived by parents, Allen & Corrine Onuma; sister, Leslie Ann (Michael) Park '95; and two nieces, Marisa and Miley Park.

Robert Mick Collins, 71, of the class of '63, died Jan. 7, 2017, in Reno, Nevada. Following a career in aerospace and computer technology, he taught finance and computer science at the University

of Nevada at Reno, where he received a Ph.D. He is survived by his wife Lani, three grown children, and two grandchildren.

Parents

Irene Kawakami Yamamoto, 50, of Honolulu, passed away April 1. She was a physician. She is survived by her husband Greg; son Matthew, HBA 9th grader; daughter Christine, HBA 8th grader; sister Esther Kawakami-Williams; and half-sister Alice Kawakami.

Former Faculty

Garland M. Threlkeld, 88, of Camas, Washington, died Nov. 21, 2016. He taught at HBA, 1955–1956, and served as a missionary in Ethiopia. He is survived by his wife Sally, daughter Marcella Riddle, son Judson, and five grandchildren.

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MARY ELEANOR BRADDOCK KONG, 87, died March 28 in Wailuku, Maui. Memorial services were held at Keawalai Congregational Church on Maui on April 22 and at the Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu on May 6. Countless friends will always remember how this gracious, caring woman touched and blessed their lives. Mary Eleanor was born on April 24, 1929, in Ripley, Mississippi. She graduated from Blue Mountain College and pursued her Master's Degree in Church Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. It was there that she met and married her husband, the Rev. Daniel H.C. Kong. Together they served churches in Shakertown, Kentucky, and in Hawaii. In addition to raising four daughters, Mary took an active role in each church pastored by Dan. She directed children's, youth and adult choirs. She also volunteered in the nursery, taught classes, and served as church pianist and organist. She was a gracious host, serving alongside Dan in his positions as President and Vice President-Development at Hawaii Baptist Academy and as Executive Director of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

At HBA she directed the high school and handbell choirs, and later became Development Director. She also provided many talents as Director of the Woman's Missionary Union for the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. At the age of fifty-five, Mary embarked on a new adventure, pursuing her life-long desire to play the harp. She became a professional harpist, performing for weddings, funerals, several hotels, coffee houses, private parties and conventions. In 2008, Mary moved to the Island of Maui where she resided with daughters Verdine and Eddy who shared in her care until death. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Dan, and infant daughter, Tommye-Lei Kong. She is survived by daughters, Danette Kong, Verdine Kong (Geri Valdriz), Edna "Eddy" Kong, and Betty-Jo "BJ" De Fries (James); brother Dr. Thomas N. Braddock (Martha); sisters Betty Jo Henry and Emma Marie Braddock; sisters-in-law Esther Noguchi and Eileen Lovelace; and three grandchildren, Hope Kanani De Fries, Daniel Keala De Fries and Riverson Poole.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Dan and Mary Eleanor Kong Scholarship Endowment Fund at Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Mainland Advisory Council

Betty Ervin, 88, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died Nov. 4, 2016. She was a member of First Baptist, Tulsa. Predeceased by her husband Bruce in 2014, Betty is survived by son Steve (Lana), 3 children, Debi Friggel and husband Bill, Steve Ervin, wife, Lana, Lesli Frates, husband John, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Winifred Newell, 96, died Nov. 16, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her husband Alton, founder of Newell Recycling. She is survived by two sons, Alton, Jr. and John; daughter Sharon (Chip) Shirley; 8 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

J. Harris Campbell, 88, of Simpsonville, South Carolina, died Dec. 5. He was an entrepreneur in a variety of businesses, including Boone Rentals, Inc. in Boone, NC. He was a member of Holly Ridge Baptist Church in Simpsonville. Harris is survived by his wife Virginia; daughter Leslie (Chris) Sullivan; son John, Jr. (Shelly); stepsons Tim (Cathy) Barnwell and Joey Knight; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Ruby and his step-daughter Debbie Knight.

Margaret Ann Fomby, 79, of Amarillo, Texas, died Dec. 29. Ann was retired from 40 plus years of teaching. She was active at First Baptist Church where her late husband Bill was church administrator. She is survived by a son, William Boyd Fomby III. She was preceded in death by husband, William B. Fomby, and daughter, Kimberly Ann Watkins.

Joe Paul Gossack Jr., 82, formerly of Denver, died in Aurora, Colorado, on Jan. 23, 2017. He was a Certified Financial Planner. He is survived by his wife Pat (Martin), HBA alumna '59; son Skip (Leanne); daughter Leilani (Dave); and six grandchildren.

Phyllis L. White, 83, of San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 31. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Loren White; sons, Sam (Tonja) and Gary (Patti); daughter, Connie (Sonny) Almand; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Thomas R. Causby, 92, of Belmont, North Carolina, died Feb. 20. He was involved in sales with numerous companies, including Belmont Textile Machinery, and was a real estate investor and

developer. He is survived by his wife Shirley, stepson Greg Cline, two grandsons, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Hal and daughter Amy Peters.

Katheryn Devine, 86, of Menifee, California, died Feb. 21. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, a retired pastor. She is survived by sons, Joseph and David, and daughters Diane Devine, Becky Powers and Rachel McMullin.

Frances "Fran" E. Pickett, 74, of Clinton, Mississippi, died March 6. She was the girls' physical education teacher and basketball coach at Clinton Jr. High. She later worked as manager at Camp Garaywa in Clinton and retired from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Fran was active in WMU at Pineview Baptist Church. She is survived by sisters Marian Carmichael, Grace (Jimmy) Long, Nell Ann Pickett, Jane Harrell and honorary Pickett sister and closest friend, Patricia "Trish" Simmons.

James Spotswood "Spot" Ray, 95, of Stuart, Virginia, died March 27. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, and daughter, Linda Joyce. He was a member of Peters Creek Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Willie Mae; son Richard Rogers; daughters, Judith Lynn (Tim) Ray, Beverly (Bill) Morten and Kathy (Mike) Perkins; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The Aloha Council

Harold K. Yokotake, 82, of Honolulu, died Dec. 27, 2016. A member of Nuuanu Baptist Church, he was retired from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and served HBA as a volunteer for many years. He is survived by his wife Ruth; son Todd (Carleen) '84, HBA music teacher; and two grandchildren, Reese, HBA 7th grader, and Ellie, HBA 4th grader.

William W.K. Young, 86, of Honolulu, died April 2, 2017. He was a member of Olivet Baptist Church and an AMFAC retiree. He is survived by his wife Janet; three daughters, Susan Yokomoto, Cyndy (Arnold) Goto, and Diane (Doug) Vaughan '81; son Todd (Karen) Young '82; and nine grandchildren, including Kristy Young '13. He was predeceased by his son, Roger.

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