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Dr. Darin T. Okuda



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 been another wonderful school year at Hawaii Baptist Academy. In June, we celebrated the accomplishments of all 113 members of the Class of 2018. I am very pleased to say that all of these students have been accepted to colleges in Hawaii, on the mainland and abroad! Thank you for investing in the lives of these students, who will soon become the next leaders of our communities, churches, businesses and their own homes. As an alumnus, I can proudly say that

HBA not only prepared me for the challenges of college; my teachers also prepared me for life. At HBA, I found a relationship with Jesus Christ thanks to the love and care I received from my teachers. My relationship with Christ became the foundation for my values and life's purpose. This relationship has carried me through some difficult times, and has provided me with hope when I needed it most. It is my earnest prayer that these graduates will share Christ's love with those around them, just as they experienced it at HBA.

In a few weeks, we will begin another school year. We are very excited because 2019 will mark our school's 70th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, we will be hosting two major events. The first will be a Christmas concert directed by Todd Yokotake '84, director of our high school and middle school choral programs, at the Hawaii Convention Center, December 14-15. Todd will be working with various performing arts programs from each of our campuses. The purpose of this program is to share the good news of Jesus Christ and celebrate our school's 70th anniversary with our island community.

The concert is also a charity event, benefiting both Hawaii Baptist Academy's financial aid program and The Salvation Army. In addition to the concert, there will be an interactive fair showcasing our school's wide range of academics and arts through our students.

We are excited to honor pivotal members of our HBA 'ohana on Saturday, February 23, 2019, with our second anniversary event, Legacy Awards. Together with our Mainland Advisory Council friends, we will close out MAC Week with this festive celebration.

We look forward to sharing more details about both of these events in the coming weeks. I ask that you begin to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this celebration.

Thank you for being a part of HBA's story, and in doing so, a part of God's story. Let's remain committed through faith for the next 70 years to create an even brighter future for our school and our world. Mahalo for your prayers and financial support!

"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does," Psalm 33:4.

Sincerely,

Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



NEWS FROM
HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY

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On the back cover: 1. Jarod Ito. 2. Anika Keuning. 3. Kallie Langford, center. 4. Madison "Kuulei" Moku. 5. Cameron Uyei. 6. Jaci Ligsay, 7. L-R: Marissa Uehara, Lucas Chun, and Lindsay Sasaki. 8. L-R: Michael Johnson and Jason Moka. 9. L-R: Malia Rausch, Davin Rausch, and Daniel Rausch.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2018!

The Class of 2018 celebrated their achievements at HBA's 65th Commencement Ceremony on June 2 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

The valedictorian was Haven Won, son of Ethan and Tisha Won. Haven will be attending Princeton University to study biology. The salutatorian was Cole Galicinao, son of Steve and Maylene Galicinao. Cole will be attending the University of California at Los Angeles to study civil engineering. Forty-five students graduated with highest honors, and 26 with honors.

Cody Sugai was awarded the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during his years at HBA.

Twenty-eight students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA, for attending the school since kindergarten.

Michael Hu, high school science department chair and senior advisor, delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to all 113 members of the Class of 2018!



The recipients of the Parent Teacher Fellowship's Eagle Scholar Award. **L-R:** Anika Keuning, Zachary Fujita, Micah Mitchell, Jamie Lee, and Lucas Chun.

Valedictory

Valedictorian Haven Won addressed the Class of 2018. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

TO THE CLASS OF 2018: It's been 13 years since some of us met on the first day of kindergarten at the elementary school. For others, last year may have been your introduction to this remarkable class. Regardless of where the journey began, high school has provided some of the hardest yet most rewarding times of our lives up to this point.

And only fittingly, like the last four years of high school, graduation day undoubtedly shapes up to be a time of intense mixed emotions. We are saying goodbye to the faculty members and classmates that have shaped our lives, but in that same breath we



Valedictorian Haven Won with salutatorian Cole Galicinao.

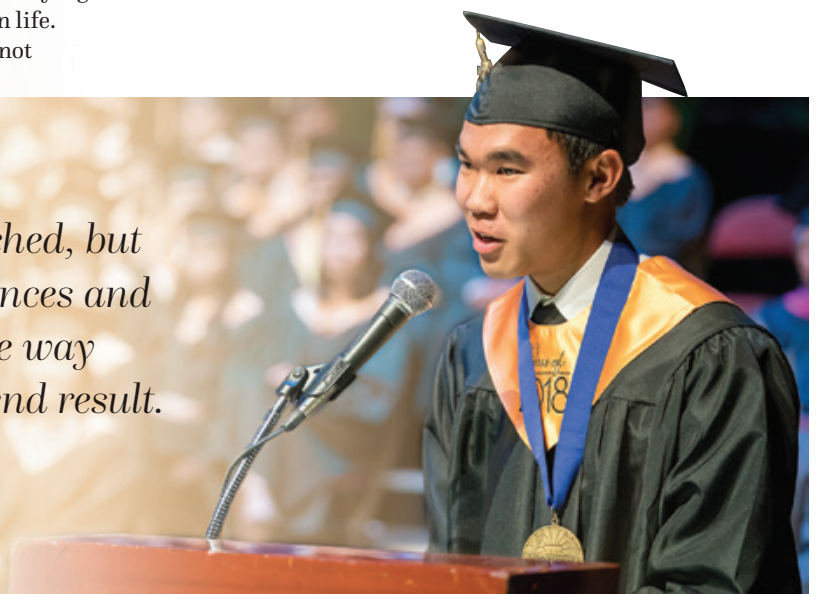
move on to the next step of our lives where we look to employ the many tools obtained throughout high school. With so much on the horizon, it would be easy to get lost in the struggle of trying to meet every expectation and reach that next milestone in life. But as Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "life is a journey, not a destination."

Not every intended goal will be reached, but the lessons learned through experiences and the relationships nurtured along the way define success just as much as the end result.

Take a sports team for example. The goal at the beginning of the season is to go as far as possible: presumably to win a championship. And of course, if the team goes into every warm-up, every practice, and every game with the singular goal of winning the championship at the end of the season, the team has a great chance to reach that destination. But this team with a closed mindset where winning is all that matters runs the risk of neglecting the journey of the season. It neglects the possible bonds to be made between teammates that go beyond the sport, the invaluable experiences of each win or loss, and the passion for simply playing the game. If the team doesn't win the championship, then the season may seem somewhat of a failure or a waste of time.

That's not to say that having a destination, a goal, isn't important. There must always be a destination because without it there is no journey. Whether the goal is to perform well at a concert, win a state championship, or ace a test at the end of the week, there must be a balance between working towards a destination and appreciating the moments along the journey. Not every intended goal will be reached, but the lessons learned through experiences and the relationships nurtured along the way define success just as much as the end result.

In the words of Albert Einstein, "Life is a preparation for the future; and the best preparation for the future is to live as if there were none." Some of us may be staying here in Hawaii, some of us may be leaving to study in other countries, but wherever we go and whatever our post-graduate plans entail, we should remember to appreciate the experiences along the way, otherwise we sacrifice truly experiencing potentially the most formative years of our lives. Today marks the end of our shared journey throughout high school as we begin a new one with a new destination in mind.



Commencement Address

Michael Hu, science department chair and senior advisor, delivered the commencement address. The following is an excerpt from his address.

WHEN I ASK GOD FOR PATIENCE, and I do this daily in my chemistry classes, I don't get patience; God gives me an opportunity to be patient. When I ask God for courage, He doesn't give me courage; He gives me an opportunity to be courageous. When I ask God for love, He gives me opportunities to love and be loved.

Love is not the exclusive domain of Christians. We don't have a monopoly on it, although we are taught to love God, love others and love ourselves; everyone has a great capacity for love because it's in our DNA. W. H. Auden wrote a poem called September 1, 1939. It's about the day the Germans invaded Poland while the world stood by and watched the destruction of Polish towns and the slaughter of the Polish people. Auden thought that other nations

*When I ask God for courage,
He doesn't give me courage; He gives
me an opportunity to be courageous.*

should have protected Poland, or at least helped fight against the German blitzkrieg. He ended the poem with his famous line: "We must love one another or die." Auden didn't mean we literally pass from this earth, he meant that we lose our humanity, spirit and soul. So how do we love? I have two stories gleaned from two funerals I attended that show the innate, unwavering, universal love that we all have inside of us, waiting to materialize at the right time.

Story 1: I went to the funeral of Dr. K. He was a surgeon who served in the famous 100th battalion, 442nd infantry regiment during World War II. During the war, Dr. K was the only officer from Kauai because he was a surgeon. Before deploying from Kauai, every mother of a Japanese soldier came to his home with one plea: bring my son home.

In an absolutely fierce battle in Italy, the 100th battalion was taking a huge death toll. Men were dying not necessarily from injuries, but from the time it took to get medical treatment. Dr. K, against orders, moved his mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) to the front line. He saved scores of soldiers before an enemy shell hit just outside of his unit. Hearing the shell, Dr. K covered the soldier he was operating on with his body. Everyone standing was killed. Hours later, two medics and other soldiers fought their way to the MASH unit and dragged Dr. K and the wounded soldiers away. Dr. K, who was bleeding profusely from shrapnel wounds, was operating alone for hours before being rescued. He was moving the wounded on and off of the operating table by himself. He was awarded numerous medals for bravery, but declined all of them saying they belonged to the men who died. Dr. K made the men who rescued him promise to never tell this story about him. His wife and children never knew that he was a war hero. After his death, his children went to the White House to receive his medals posthumously. Dr. K understood, "We must love one another or die."

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Congratulations!



[1] Cameron Brewer, center. [2] L-R: Cody Sugai and Ron Shiira. [3] Front row, L-R: Jasmine Do, Carly Nakamura, Tani Takushi, and Kiana Oka. [4] Madison "Kuulei" Moku. [5] Matthew Butay.

Class of 2018

Chad Abarbanel ♦
Heather Lin Akemi Araki ♦
Cameron Yuki Yoshi Brewer ★▼♥
Matthew Emmanuel Butay ★▼
Anika Imani Sau Lin Chang ★▼♥
Jerrett Ryuichiro Chang
Michael Masami Chang
Timothy Makana Chang ★▼
Katie Chu ★
Lucas Kalipo Tai Kong Chun ★▼♥
Matthew Masaru Chun ♦
Jasmine Khanh-Vy Do ♦
Talia Warner Egami ♥
Queen Wing Yan Fang ★
Christian Joseph Kamali'iokeao Fee
Joshua Nobori Fujita ★▼♥
Zachary James Fujita ★▼♥
Cole Steven Galicinao ★▼
Desmond Giang ♦
Reece Kin Wung Goo
Kaylie Harumi Hayashida ★
Dorian Kan Tong Ho
Jonathan Joon Yong Ho
Reyn Caleb Honbo ♥
Tiffany Keiko Kahikilani Keliwahineopuna
Nishioka Ibara ★
Preston Montiel Iha ★
Alyssa Ayumi Ishida ♦
Jayla Shizuko Ishikawa ★
Ethan Minoru Ishimura ♥
Jarod Yutsun Masaru Ito
Kaitlin Shizuko Ito ♦
Michael Bryant Ito ★♥
Hana Blue Inouye Jardon
Michael Keitaro Johnson ♦♥
Brandon Eikichi Kamiyama ★
Cameron Joy Kaneshiro ♦
Maia Aiko Keanuhea Kawelo ★▼
Anika Shibuya Keuning ★▼
Jonathan Shigeru Kishaba ★♥
Rhylye Aiko Kono ★

Mari Ayako Kuniyama
Natalie Kalei Kwon ★▼
Kallie Aloma-Peninaolemoana Langford
Joel Jaffy Lau ★▼
Eugene Hyun Lee ★♥
Jamie Kyoungheun Lee ★▼
Joshua Konala Leong ♦
Lauryn Misako Su Ling Liao ★▼♥
Jasci Chizuko Ligsay
Jessie Lin
Morgan Faith Lazaro Lorenzo ★▼
Julia Lu ★
Sihan Ma ★▼
Kaitlyn Aiko Matsushima
Nicole Sachie Mickelsen
Micah Nobuichi Mitchell ★▼
Nicholas James Miwa ♦
Madison Ku'uleinohea M. Moku
Kristin Taylor Moniz ★
Jacqueline Grace Morgan ★
Ryan Hideo Moritsugu ♥
Colby Isao Mitchell Nagano
Katelyn Sachiye Nakagawa ♦♥
Taija Lee Nakakura
Carly Kimiko Nakamura ★♥
Brianna Ke'alaoku'upua Melia Ninomoto ♦
Nicole Hideko Mei Ki Nirei ♦
Britney Malia O'Donnell
Camille Jadelyn Oga ♦
Kiana Kaori Oka
Camryn Misayo Okada ★
Lynn Kikue Ono
Cobi-Blaize Tomokazu Kaimipono Ozaki
Dru Chi Wai Pang ★▼♥
Mark Gamboa Pascual ♦
Davin Kekoa Gee Kwong Rausch
Bryce Kenji Sakata ★▼♥
Ethan Seiichi Sanekane ★▼
Akemi Stacelynn-Koshiro Santiago ★▼
Reyn Tatsumi Shiraishi ♥

Cody Kei Sugai ♥
Jalen Christopher Sau-Hin Sur ♦♥♥
Ayla Isabel Yra Tago
Kaitlyn Hokulani Takafuji ♦
Kalli-Ann Namie Takafuji
Tani Kanoe Takushi ★♥
Dylan Ray Kiyoshi Tanioka ♦
Kylee-Ann Keimi Tawara ★▼
Bey-Yu Thompson ★
Jewel Maile Mayumi Tominaga ♦
Jett Logan Uehara ♥
Cameron Ikaika Takeo Uyeki ♦♥
Jarren Koichi Uza
Alissa SL Vasper ★
Ally Li Wada ★▼
Shay Tomoko Watanabe
Samson Charles Wesselkamper
Christian Kiyomi Woll ♦
Haven Noah Won ★▼♥
Cameron T.G.W. Wong
Conner Jung Kee Hisao Wong
Eric James Katsunori Sing-Lung Wong
Kayla Yun Lin Kimiko Wong ★▼
Scott Akio Kam Ming Wong
Stella Li Fen Wu
Brant Jun Yamamoto ♦
Stacie Akemi Yamamoto ♦
Evan Koji Yamashiro ♥
Megan Naomi Yamauchi ★▼♥
Nolan Tatsutomo Yasuda ♥
Blythe Akemi Yoshikane ♦
Sean David Jitsuo Duk Wei Yoshishige ★
Qipeng Zhong

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

Mr. & Miss HBA 2018

Matthew Butay and Ally Wada



Ally Wada, left, and Matthew Butay, right, were elected Mr. and Miss HBA by their peers.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY has a new Mr. and Miss HBA. Matthew Butay and Ally Wada were elected by their peers for the school's highest honor. The award, which began in 1955, 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.



The Butay Family. **L–R:** Anne-Jasmin Butay, Matthew Butay, Walden Butay, and Reynie Butay. **Front:** Katherine-Sophia Butay, third grader.

Butay entered HBA in seventh grade. In high school, he was first chair for the saxophone section and mentored younger students in the band program. He ran for the track and field team and was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, the Filipino Club, the Experiments Club and was a student council representative. In December 2013, Butay traveled with his family to the Philippines to deliver donations to victims of Typhoon Yolanda. He also volunteered for the United Cerebral Palsy Center of Hawaii, and Paepae O Heeia, a non-profit

dedicated to preserving the Heeia fish pond. Butay is also known for his interests in kickboxing and scuba diving. Butay's older brother, Walden, is a graduate from the class of 2014, and his sister, Katherine-Sophia, is a third grader at HBA.

Wada entered HBA in fourth grade. In high school, she played varsity volleyball and basketball and led her teammates to state championships. She was recognized as player of the year in both sports. While juggling a rigorous academic course load, she served as class treasurer for two years, and was a member of Interact Club and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she has served as a mentor for young athletes through Hoops 4 Christ Basketball Club. This fall, Wada will attend the University of San Francisco on a full scholarship to play volleyball. Wada's father, Darren, is a graduate from the class of 1987, and her mother, Candi (Han), is a graduate from the class of 1988. Wada's older sister, Riley, is a graduate from the class of 2015, and her younger sister, Emi, is an eighth grader at HBA.



The Wada Family. **L–R:** Darren Wada '87; Emi Wada, 8th grader; Ally Wada, Miss HBA; Riley Wada '15; and Candi (Han) Wada '88.

High School Awards

Bible

Excellence in Old Testament

Zach Lau
Riyana Werny

Excellence in New Testament

Caleb Hilacion
Rylie Lee

Excellence in Christian Thought

Matthew Chun
Kristin Lau
Conner Lopes
Kayla Wong

English & Journalism

Outstanding English 9 Student

Adia Ainsworth
Johnson Lin
Johanna Seng

Outstanding English 10 Student

Kailey Chang
Tatiana Chang
Lindsay Sasaki

Outstanding English 11 Student

Adam Hu
Lauren Uchimura

Outstanding English 12 Student

Micah Mitchell

Outstanding AP English Language and Composition Student

Kristin Lau

Outstanding AP English Literature and Composition Student

Anika Keuning
Jaimie Lee

Shakespearean Recitation Competition

Kaylie Hayashida

Excellence in Feature Writing

Daniel Jurek

Excellence in Illustration

Natalie Kwon

Excellence in Illustration & Cartooning

Daniel Jurek

Excellence in Portrait Photography

Anika Chang

Excellence in Sports Writing

Jazerine Nakamura

Eagle Eye's Most Valuable Staffer

Joel Lau

Most Valuable Staffer in Yearbook

Kristin Moniz

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Geometry

Johnson Lin

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2

Megan Giang

Outstanding Student in Algebra 2—Honors

Zach Lau

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3

Jaylynn Choi
Sydney Settsu

Outstanding Student in Trigonometry

Coltin-Kai Kaupiko

Outstanding Student in Pre-Calculus

Reanne Inafuku

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Statistics

Racen Horita

Outstanding Student in AP Statistics

Micah Mitchell

Outstanding Student in Foundations of Calculus

Anika Chang

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus AB

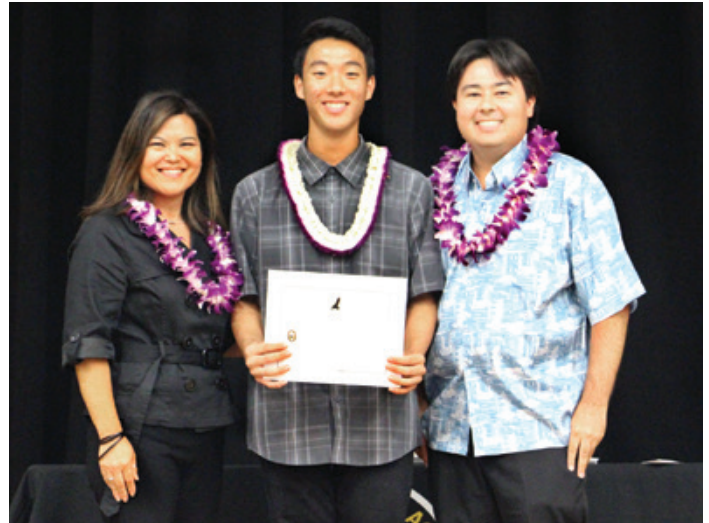
Adam Hu
Ethan Sanekane

Outstanding Student in AP Calculus BC

Micah Mitchell

Outstanding Student in AP Computer Science

Cole Galicinao



Kasen Wong, center, received the HBA Alumni Association Scholarship presented by Jennifer Harada Okino '89, left, and Shawn Saito '12, right.

HBA Mathematics Team High Scorer

Reanne Inafuku

HBA Mathematics Team Most Valuable Member

Brandon Kamiyama

American Mathematics Competition 10—1st Place

Zach Lau

American Mathematics Competition 10—2nd Place

Reese Haly

American Mathematics Competition 12—1st Place

Brandon Kamiyama

American Mathematics Competition 12—2nd Place

Adam Hu

Hawaii State Mathematics Bowl Team

Reanne Inafuku
Brandon Kamiyama
Johnson Lin
Niko Lopez
Sihan Ma

Maria Gaetana Agnesi Mathematics Service Award

Britney Chang
Timothy Chang
Niko Lopez
Kylee Sumida

PE & Health

Outstanding Female Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Asja Deai

Outstanding Male Grade 9 Physical Education Student

Nathan Jochim

Outstanding Female Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Gabrielle Chun

Outstanding Male Grade 10 Physical Education Student

Tanner Weeks

Science

Outstanding Student in Biology

Adia Ainsworth
Johnson Lin

Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Quinn Kono
Lindsay Sasaki

Outstanding Student in Physics

Peyton Oshiro
Sydney You

Outstanding Student in AP Biology

Jayla Ishikawa
Rylie Kono

High School Awards

Outstanding Student in AP Chemistry

Reanne Inafuku
Aaron Thomas

Outstanding Student in Marine Science

Cassidy Hihara
Jacqueline Morgan
Brianna Ninomoto

Outstanding Student in AP Physics 1

Anika Keuning
Cameron Brewer

Outstanding Student in AP Physics 2

Cole Galicinao
Micah Mitchell

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Nicole Tommee

Rensselaer Medal Award

Reanne Inafuku

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Ancient World History 9

Asja Deai
Logan Kakugawa

Outstanding Student in Government 9

Daniel Jurek
Aimee-Louise Lee

Outstanding Student in US History 10

Kathryn Harada
Jordyn Kobayashi

Outstanding Student in Modern World History 11

Kristin Lau
Kylee Sumida

Outstanding Student in Economics

Anika Keuning
Bryce Sakata

Outstanding Student in Psychology

Kylee Sumida

Outstanding Student in AP World History

Caily Okazaki

Outstanding Student in AP European History

Preston Iha

Outstanding Student in AP Economics

Cole Galicinao

Social Science Scholar

Joel Lau

Visual & Performing Arts & Technology Program

Outstanding Student in Introduction to Programming

Matthew Yamamoto

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 1

Adam Christian Domingo

Outstanding Student in Concert Band 2

Jonathan Punohu-Freeman

Outstanding Student in Wind Ensemble

Matthew Chun
Karalyn Lum

Outstanding Leadership in Wind Ensemble

Matthew Butay

Excellence in Service & Development of the Band Program

Tani Takushi

Outstanding Student in Theater

Jalen Sur
Blythe Yoshikane

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Art

Dayna Okazaki
Anna Sullivan

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Drawing

Braden Hall
Meredith Lau

Outstanding Achievement in Basic Mixed Media

Abraham Fujimoto
Kaitlin Ito

Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 1

Victoria Nago
Kiana Oka

Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 2

Kaitlyn Matsushima
Jewel Tominaga

Outstanding Craftsmanship in Ceramics 3

Reyn Honbo
Natalie Kwon

Outstanding Achievement in Animation

Kalli-Ann Takafuji

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Mixed Media

Blythe Yoshikane
Julia Lu

Outstanding Artist in Advanced Drawing & Painting

Dakota Gavin
Jada Inouye
Anna Kerr
Stacie Yamamoto

World Languages

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 1

Davin Kwan

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 2

Kassidy Trang

Outstanding Achievement in Chinese 3

Megan Loh

Overall Excellence in Chinese

Tyler Ng

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 1

Tamryn Yamamoto
Brenna Yoshioka

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 2

Alyssa Mayeshiro
Lindsay Sasaki

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 3

Niko Lopez
Kasen Wong

Outstanding Achievement in Japanese 4

Kaylie Hayashida

Overall Excellence in Japanese

Camile Oga

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1

Jordyn Liu
Jiayan Wu

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2

Gabrielle Chun
Kailee Ishikawa



Cody Sugai, left, received the Rev. O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Memorial Scholarship presented by President Ron Shiira, right.

High School Awards



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



Colby Nagano, left, received the Daughters of the American Revolution-Good Citizen Award presented by Susan Goya, right, high school counselor.



Bey-Yu Thompson, left, received the White Ohana College Scholarship, presented by President Ron Shiira, right.



Natalie Kwon, center, received the Sue Nishikawa Scholarship presented by Naomi Masuno, left, and Faith McFtridge, right.



Niko Lopez, left, Elizabeth Dennis, second from the left, and Adia Ainsworth, second from the right, received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award presented by Joseph Frank Bragg, right, Post Commander 12138.

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3

Bryson Gonzalez
Kylee Sumida

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4

Preston Iha

Overall Excellence in Spanish

Matthew Butay

National Merit Program

Letter of Commendation in the 2018 National Merit Program

Timothy Chang
Matthew Chun
Joshua Fujita
Zachary Fujita
Anika Keuning
Natalie Kwon
Joel Lau
Jaimie Lee

Haven Won
Brant Yamamoto

Certificate of Merit in 2018 National Program (Finalist)

Lucas Chun
Eugene Lee

PTF Awards

PTF High Achievement Award

Tatiana Chang
Gabrielle Chun
Kathryn Harada
Katelyn Higashiya
Kailee Ishikawa
Jordyn Kobayashi
Quinn Kono
Kristin Lau
Zach Lau
Jessica Matsuda
Victoria Nago
Lindsay Sasaki
Nicole Tommee
Emily White
Cydni Yoshida

PTF Service Award – Grade 9

Bryana Lau
Mason Plunkett

PTF Service Award – Grade 10

Kathryn Harada
Ryder Watanabe

PTF Service Award – Grade 11

Dakota Gavin
Emily White

PTF Service Award – Grade 12

Jalen Sur
Blythe Yoshikane

Scholarships

Daughters of the American Revolution-Good Citizen

Colby Nagao

HBA Alumni Association Scholarship

Kasen Wong

Kilohana Kai Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong

Kylie-Ann Tawara

L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award

Kasen Wong

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

Cody Sugai

Sue Nishikawa Scholarship

Natalie Kwon

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Adia Ainsworth
Elizabeth Dennis
Jhennai Felipe
Niko Lopez

White Ohana College Scholarship

Bey-Yu Thompson



Japanese National Honor Society Inductees

Kieran Dela Cruz
Trinity Halemano-Reed
Kathryn Harada
Lia Honbo

Kacie Kaneshiro
Quinn Kono
Kacie Kwan
Nicholas Kwon
Julianne Lau
Summer Mae
Ashley Masuoka
Jessica Matsuda
Serah Matsunaga

Alyssa Mayeshiro
Jessica Miyasato
Victoria Nago
Elyse Nakano
Kaycee Nakashima
Davin Nikaido
Vincent Ogasawara
Kelsey Ota
Cobi Pimental

Lindsay Sasaki
Justice Stone
Sylar Takafuji
Lance Tasaka
Aimee Terashima
Ridge Wada
Cydni Yoshida

Kylie-Ann Tawara, left, received the Kilohana Kai Scholarship In Memory of Mr. Larry Wong, presented by Richard Yaginuma, right, president of Kilohana Kai.

Middle School Awards

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7

Noah Hu
Cameron Pien

Excellence in Bible 8

Jordyn Ajimine
Noah Shiira

English

Outstanding Expressive Skills in English 7

Jolie Wong

Outstanding Receptive Skills in English 7

Cameron Pien

Outstanding English 8 Student

Connor Malinger
Sarah Kawakami-Williams

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Math 7

Kacie Akena
Ryan Fukui

Outstanding Student in Algebra 1

Kaden Kobashigawa
Kaylee Tani

PE & Health

Outstanding Performance in Physical Education and Health

Kyle Kumasaka
Jolie Wong

Outstanding Performance in Health and Fitness

Grace Takushi
Aidan Uchimura

Science

Outstanding Student in Science 7

Michela (Ella) Lim
Cameron Pien

Outstanding Student in Earth Science 8

Sara Ireland
Connor Malinger

Social Studies

Outstanding Student in Geography

Katie Chen
Cameron Pien

Outstanding Student in American History 8

Connor Malinger
Amanda Sato

Visual & Performing Arts & Technology Program

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 7

Kyle Kumasaka
Michela Lim



Amanda Sato, left, received the Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence in Middle School) award from George Honzaki, right, middle school principal.

Outstanding Student in Fine Arts 8

Kaden Kobashigawa
Connor Malinger

Outstanding Student in Drama

Kira Baker
Madison Duren

Outstanding Artist in Middle School Art

Katie Chen
Joni Ruan
Kaylee Ann Tani
Zadie Young

Outstanding Student in Middle School Band

Amanda Sato
Reese Yoshikawa

Outstanding Student in Middle School Beginning Band

Careah Baitlon
Noah Hu

Special Middle School Award

Soaring Eagle (Overall Excellence in Middle School)

Amanda Sato

Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration

THE CLASS OF 2024 recognized their achievements at the Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration on May 29. They opened with their class song “Never Been a Moment” by Micah Tyler, followed by a short message from Principal Amy Vorderbruegge. Twenty-six students were recognized as Sons and Daughters of HBA for attending since kindergarten. Seven students received the President’s Awards for Academic Excellence, which is given to sixth graders across the nation who have an A- or better average, as well as scoring in the 85th or higher percentile on a standardized reading and math test. Two students were recognized for scoring high in a national language arts, mathematics, and science competition.

Samantha Hart scored the highest among her peers in mathematics, while Torin Hayashi scored the highest in both language arts and science. Ten students received awards for exceptional work in the visual and performing arts.

Six students were elected by their peers for three awards. The Citizenship Award was given to Taylor Malinger and Austin Imperial, the J.O.Y. Award was given to Lindsey Toda and Tyler Higa, and the All-Around Award to Riley Lorenzo and Brendan Aoki.



[1] The recipients of the President’s Award for Excellence. L-R: Alissa Tong, Aaron Ing, Austin Imperial, Ezra Lee, Riley Lorenzo, Taylor Malinger, and Lindsey Toda. [2] L-R: Torin Hayashi and Samantha Hart. [3] L-R: Riley Lorenzo, Amy Vorderbruegge, and Matt Rainey. [4] L-R: Ron Shiira and Alexis Raphael. [5] L-R: Riley Lorenzo, Brendan Aoki, Tyler Higa, Lindsey Toda, Taylor Malinger and Austin Imperial.

Students Feted at Annual Varsity Banquet

By Deren Oshiro '84, Athletic Director



The 2018 varsity athletic scholarship recipients. **Back row, left to right:** Micah Mitchell, Athlete of the Year; Maxwell Wiemken, Athlete of the Year; Haven Won, Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete; Anika Keuning, Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete; Madison "Kuulei" Moku, Athlete of the Year, and Ally Wada, Athlete of the Year. **Front row, left to right:** Bey-Yu Thompson and Dru Pang, Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards. Photo courtesy of Deren Oshiro.

ABOUT 320 STUDENTS, coaches, parents and guests gathered at the Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet on May 19 to recognize all of the students who participated in varsity sports during the past school year for HBA, Pac Five or other combination teams.

This year, three teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Championship. These were girls bowling, girls tennis and boys tennis. Two teams finished as HHSAA State Runners Up: girls cross country and girls volleyball. Our lone team to win an HHSAA State Championship this year was boys cross country. This was the boys cross country program's first title since 2012 and second overall.

In all, about 130 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards. Pac Five Award winners were: Michael Ito (football); Kaitlin Ito (judo); Ryan Moritsugu (baseball); Camryn Okada (softball); KalliAnn Takafuji (girls soccer); and Scott Wong (baseball).

The special individual award winners were:

Ken & Rosemond Street Sportsmanship Awards

- **Male**—Dru Pang (volleyball)
- **Female**—Bey-Yu Thompson (tennis)

Athletes of the Year

- **Males**—Micah Mitchell (basketball) and Maxwell Wiemken (basketball, volleyball)
- **Female**—Ally Wada (volleyball, basketball), Madison Moku (track & field)

Robert Fulford Scholar Athlete Awards

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

- **Male**—Haven Won (track)
- **Female**—Anika Keuning (cross country)

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). Pomaikai Ballrooms also donated a congratulatory sheet cake.

School Newspaper Wins State Award Four Years In A Row



The staff of the Eagle Eye, HBA's student newspaper, took home best-in-state for the fourth year in a row at the Hawaii High School Journalism Awards on April 19. **Back row, L-R:** Kaycee Nakashima, sophomore; Timothy Chang, senior; Natalie Kwon, senior; Jennah Laxamana, junior; Marcus Mau, junior; Zach Fujita, senior; and Daniel Jurek, freshman. **Second row, L-R:** Alissa Vasper, senior; Kristin Lau, junior; Eunice Sim, advisor; Timothy Dixon, sophomore; and Liam Hixon, junior. **Front row, L-R:** Anika Chang, senior; TJ Halemano-Reed, sophomore; Jazarine Nakamura, junior; and Jarin Ashimine, sophomore.

THE STAFF OF HBA'S EAGLE EYE NEWSPAPER is celebrating again after winning best-in-state at the annual Hawaii High School Journalism Awards on April 19 for the fourth year in a row.

The staff is led by senior Joel Lau, who is the editor-in-chief. Lau joined the staff as a sophomore and has been a major contributor to the newspaper's winning streak. He says he's very appreciative of his staff and their hard work.

"There was a lot of pressure to win again. You feel the weight of years before you. But the team pulled through. Best-In-State is a team effort, and without my team, we couldn't have done it," said Lau.

The class is taught by Eunice Sim. She has overseen the newspaper's last four victories. What is most impressive is that her students were still able to win this year's title while she was on maternity leave. Sim says she had a lot of support from her department chair, Faye Takushi, and former HBA journalism teacher and development director Matt Sanders.

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

Scholastic Art Awards

THREE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS had their artwork recognized at the 55th Annual Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in February. They were (**shown below, L-R**):

- **Lauryn Liao**, 12th grade. "Radiating Flora," acrylic painting. Silver Key award.
- **Christianne Young**, 11th grade. "Leaves," acrylic painting. Silver Key award.

- **Blythe Yoshikane**, 12th grade. "Happy Thoughts," graphite. Gold Key Award.

Their artwork was on display at the Hawaii State Art Museum. This was the second consecutive year that HBA has entered work that was chosen for the State Scholastic Art Awards.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 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 recipient, Blythe Yoshikane, was also reviewed for the national competition.



A Trip of a Lifetime—The Road to Carnegie Hall

OVER SPRING BREAK, 54 students from the high school Wind Ensemble toured the East Coast, performing for HBA's Mainland Advisory Council members in Virginia, and at the Sounds of Spring International Music Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Preparations for the trip began last school year. Students attended dozens of rehearsals after school and during breaks.

In Virginia, the band held a special concert at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. Approximately 200 guests, including MAC members and alumni from the region, attended the event. During the concert, some students shared how God is transforming their lives through music and the ministry of HBA.

After leaving Virginia by train, the students made a quick stop in New Jersey to perform at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City before their final performance at the famous Carnegie Hall. The young musicians were well prepared to share their talents that God has bestowed upon them.

"Playing at Carnegie Hall was an experience of a lifetime, especially for a high school band. It's probably something we would have never pictured. This trip and



The Wind Ensemble visited New York City over Spring Break. Photo courtesy of Bey-Yu Thompson.

the friends I've made are things that I will cherish for the rest of my life. It's definitely a bucket list goal that has been checked off," said Bey-Yu Thompson, senior.

The 10-day trip was also packed with sightseeing, good food and quality time spent among friends. In Washington, D.C., the group visited the Lincoln Memorial and Smithsonian museums and galleries. In New York, they enjoyed famous sights like the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial and Times Square.



The Wind Ensemble performs at the New York "Sounds of Spring" International Musical Festival at Carnegie Hall on March 27. Photo by Faye Takushi.



Scott Wong, left, and Davin Rausch, right, at the capitol building in Washington, D.C. Photo by Faye Takushi.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY PRESENTS:

The Soldiers of Light 2018 Fall Tour

Sunday, September 30

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Dr.
Houston, TX 77059

Sunday, September 30

5:00 p.m.
Chinese Baptist Church
900 Brogden Rd.
Houston, TX 77024

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Euless
1000 W. Airport Frwy.
Euless, TX 76039

Sunday, October 7

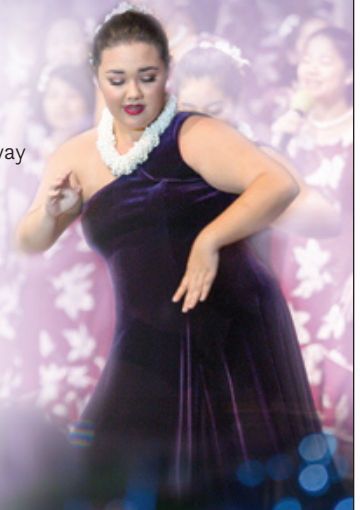
9:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
Richardson
1001 N. Central Expressway
Richardson, TX 75080

Wednesday, October 10

12:00 p.m.
First Baptist Tulsa
403 S. Cincinnati Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74103

Wednesday, October 10

5:00 p.m.
South Tulsa Baptist
10310 Sheridan Rd.,
Tulsa, OK 74133



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MAC Week 2018



Students from the elementary school greet MAC members, including Jim Taliaferro of Louisville, Kentucky, who gave a high-five to one student.

The Mainland Advisory Council is a body of Christian supporters who believe in the purpose of HBA and are committed to ensuring its 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.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY welcomed back the Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) for their 42nd annual meeting in Honolulu, February 20–23. The guest devotional speaker was Dr. Steve Laufer from University Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Throughout the week, members heard moving testimonies from students, faculty members, parents and administrators about how God, through HBA, has impacted their lives.

“One of my greatest joys is to be able to serve and reach out to other teens who are brand new to our campus, and share with them the love God has for them,” said senior Cody Sugai, who shared how HBA has helped to deepen his relationship with Christ.

In fourth grade, Sugai suffered from an arteriovenous malformation (AVM), a bleed in his brain. He continues to live with the effects of the AVM. Sugai considers his physical disabilities a blessing in disguise. Prior to his injury, Sugai and his family were completely focused on sports rather than their relationship with God. However, through the love and kindness of his fourth grade teachers, their prayers and faithfulness guided his family back to church, which they now attend regularly.

Throughout middle and high school, Sugai has been heavily involved with the school’s student ministries by volunteering for City of Joy, an outreach ministry for homeless and near-homeless families in Nanakuli, leading Bible studies on campus for middle school boys, being a camp counselor and singing in the Soldiers of Light choir. Sugai will be attending Seattle Pacific University in the fall of 2018. He says he is strongly considering full time ministry for a career, and possibly becoming a youth pastor.

“I pray that as I serve and lead that people will know Jesus better. That is what my calling is.”

HBA’s new director of institutional advancement, Billie Takaki Lueder ‘94, accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior during Christian Emphasis Week.

“My faith grew exponentially during my time ministering through song as a member of the Soldiers of Light (SOL) choir,” said Lueder.

It was through SOL’s ministry that Lueder gained the confidence to share her faith not only one-on-one, but with a larger audience.

“I give all praise and glory to Him for this amazing opportunity to give back to a school that has given so much to me, through its academic rigor and its extra-curricular activities, all while providing me a space to grow deeper in my walk with the Lord.”

Watch more MAC Week testimony highlights on our website at www.hba.net/MACWeek2018



[1] L-R: Clara Inglish, MAC Chair, Dallas, Texas; Paul Jordan, Alexandria, Va.; and Bob Oxford of Golden, Colo. [2] Director of institutional advancement Billie Takaki Lueder. [3] Guest devotional speaker Pastor Steven Laufer. [4] HBA wind ensemble. [5] L-R: Cody Sugai, MAC host Janet Chinn, Mrs. Fran Byrd and Dr. Bob G. Byrd of Villa Park, Calif.

During their weeklong visit the MAC worshipped with the elementary students at chapel and visited classrooms, including the elementary school's newest multipurpose room, the Innovation Station, which is dedicated to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Following their visit, Mr. and Mrs. John and Genelle Sweitzer from Houston donated robots, building kits, and a 3D printer to the Innovation Station. At the middle school, the MAC enjoyed a presentation by the students. They also worshipped with the middle and high school students at chapel, where they were treated to a special performance by the Wind Ensemble.



The week culminated with the Aloha Banquet at the high school gymnasium, where MAC members were honored for being faithful donors and supporters of HBA. They received lei and were treated to a delicious three-course dinner capped off by a spiritually moving performance by the SOL choir. During the program, the students honored the memory of Mary Eleanor Kong, who passed away on March 28, 2017. Originally from Ripley, Mississippi, Mary Eleanor met the love of her life, Dr. Dan Kong, while pursuing her master's degree in church music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. At HBA she directed the high school and handbell choirs, and later became the development director.

Bob Oxford of Golden, Colo., was elected MAC Chair for 2018–2019. He replaces Clara Inglish of Dallas, Texas. Paul Jordan of Alexandria, Va., will serve as vice chair.



Second graders, left, say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. John and Genelle Sweitzer of Houston, Texas, for donating several items to the elementary school's Innovation Station.

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The dilapidated house with the leaky roof and “wringer” washing machine on the back porch was the location of my first meeting with “Miss Mary” many years ago. She was in her final season when she contacted me and over time we became close friends. I was with her at her death and spoke at her funeral. Our common bond was we were both “only children” and our love for the Lord and the church. I even wrote about her in my book on kindness. Her frugality was obvious but her great wealth was hidden. Over time, she decided to designate her estate to a variety of Christian causes upon death. Her change in attitude was noticeable after her plans were final and she knew her life would impact so many after she was gone. Hospitals, churches and schools would benefit greatly from her estate planning. Her life lives on today because of her desire to build and leave a legacy.

What will your legacy be? Including HBA in your estate plans will give new life purpose and impact students for generations to come. If I can be of help to you in discussing this confidentially, contact me at trwfriend@aol.com or (214) 599-0048. You can also call the HBA office at (808) 533-7094.

Robert Whitfield

HBA Donor Relations Officer

The HBA Legacy Society includes those who have named HBA as a beneficiary in their estate plans through a bequest, trust, gift annuity, pooled income, life insurance policy, or retirement account. Only a statement of intent to leave a gift to HBA is required for membership. Members are invited to all school donor events. You may choose to remain anonymous in your giving, but participation in the Legacy Society may inspire others to also ensure that HBA will have the resources to continue providing a Christ-centered education for Hawaii’s children and youth. Names of Legacy Society members will be listed in the 2018 Annual Giving Report.

Commencement Address

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Story 2: My Uncle Raymond was the youngest brother on my mom’s side of the family. All of the brothers joined the armed forces for the Korean War. They were all relatively small men but vicious fighters. Raymond, however, was a big, burly guy who joined the Marines and at the end of the war landed in Chicago. I never met my Uncle Raymond, but I had heard that he was the black sheep of the family. As fate would have it, I went to college at the University of Chicago on the south side of the city. Uncle Raymond told me to come a few days early and he would show me around.

The first place he showed me was the site of the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre. In 1929, the south side gang lined up members of the north side gang in a garage and machine-gunned them to death. We then went to the homes of Al Capone and Bugs Moran, the leaders of the south and north side gangs. We went to other famous crime sites and finally the present homes of the current mafia dons. At 17 I was young and naïve, but I wasn’t stupid. I asked my uncle what he did for a living and he said he was a bagman for the mob. I asked what a bagman was and was told he moved cash between gangs. My family thought that was just horrible. I thought it was cool. That was all I knew about Uncle Raymond. I graduated from college and left Chicago.

Years later, Uncle Raymond passed away and I went back to Chicago for his funeral. A lot of Hispanic men in uniform were at the funeral. Since my uncle’s wife was Mexican-American, I presumed they were relatives or neighbors from the near south side neighborhood where my uncle lived. She had no idea who they were. They all came up to me to tell me their stories. Raymond kicked these boys off the streets. They were committing minor crimes, smoking weed and drinking. Raymond would beat them until they got off the streets. They knew they couldn’t fight back because Raymond had the backing of the mafia, and fighting back meant that they would disappear. But Raymond paid for these boys to get their GEDs. Raymond paid for them to go to the Police Academy, Fire Academy and to get into the Marines. Those boys became police officers, firemen and Marine officers. They told me that if it weren’t for Raymond, they’d be in prison, or more likely dead. They were also sworn to secrecy. They could never say that he helped them get off the streets. Uncle Raymond understood that, “We must love one another or die.”

Alumni Chronicles

Dr. Darin T. Okuda, M.D. '88

By Maurine King

May it never be that you should have multiple sclerosis (MS) but, if so, remember this name: Dr. Darin T. Okuda '88.

MS is a disease brought on by one's immune system. For reasons unknown, the immune system misrecognizes and attacks the body's central nervous system, which includes the brain and spinal cord. The disease damages nerve fibers and disrupts the flow of information between the brain and the rest of the body, resulting in a wide range of symptoms, including fatigue, numbness and tingling, disruption of a person's ability to walk, emotional changes and much more.

Darin has spent the last 17 years researching MS. (A brief online search shows the impressive range of his expertise in neuroimmunology.) A few years ago, he discovered a new diagnosis for patients who may likely develop MS. He found that patients that seem asymptomatic for MS may display symptoms in ways detectable by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The idea was so novel that he was the first to formally introduce the Radiologically Isolated Syndrome (RIS) in a 2009 publication. After his findings, the scientific community recognized his discovery and the diagnostic criteria now carry his name.



He is known nationally and internationally for identifying and examining the syndrome.

Darin's inventiveness is not confined to MS. He is presently applying for a patent on a new method for isolating and evaluating brain tumors using 3-dimensional (3D) analysis. Darin has found a new way to extract brain tumors from MRI studies and has identified an innovative way to determine tumor progression. Previous to this technology, doctors had to guess where to perform surgery and treatment from unclear, low-resolution, two-dimensional images. His discovery allows for enhanced patient education, improvements in

diagnostic capabilities and new insights in tumor biology. Darin was recently named winner of the 2018 American Academy of Neurology's Inaugural Brainstorm Competition for his innovative idea - "3-Dimensional Phenotyping: The Next Revolution in Medicine." Many feel that Darin's new approach will change how medical experts evaluate and manage tumors worldwide.

While a student at HBA, Darin remembers being "not the best of learners," though naturally curious. He had no medical aspirations and didn't envision having a professional career.

"I never imagined having a future life that involved reading, writing, and public speaking," said Darin via email. But he recalls gratefully that Marsha (Ishida) Hirae '72, then a counselor, encouraged him. Mary Ann Fulford, his U.S. History teacher, also told him he would "do great things one day."

In his second year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, working in a lab to characterize marine toxins, Darin became fascinated with science. When he applied for medical school he met another HBA alumnus, Dr. Gerin Chun '73, who he says "was pivotal in my career in medicine." Dr. Chun, who has been an anesthesiologist at Kaiser for 30 years, was on a committee to interview candidates for admission. Their connection to HBA created a bond. Gerin recalls Darin as a "driven guy," going on to win research awards in medical school.

Following graduation, Darin completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in neuroimmunology at the University of California in San Francisco. He is now based at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he also cares for patients with neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder and transverse myelitis. Like MS, both of these autoimmune disorders affect the body's central nervous system.

Dr. Okuda holding a 3-D printed model of a brain tumor.





Darin with his wife, Sara, and two daughters, Rika, 8, and Teaghan, 7.

Asked what advice he has for students wanting to pursue a career in medicine, Darin recommends volunteer work in a clinic or hospital.

“Finding a physician mentor is also highly important. I would be happy to serve as a mentor for those students at HBA interested in pursuing a career in medicine.”

My recurring prayer is for “holy imagination”—that we ordinary folks, and especially those with scientific training, will see new solutions to problems. Darin Okuda is part of the answer to that prayer.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DARIN'S NEW CONCEPT OF
3-D PHENOTYPING FOR BRAIN TUMORS AT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_4aAVfyZq8&feature=youtu.be

Download Dr. Darin Okuda's apps on MS, Neurology and Nutrition
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/developer/darin-okuda/id1202146546?mt=8>



Reunion



THE CLASS OF 1978 celebrated their 40th reunion on April 20 at the Waialae Country Club, followed the next day by a family picnic at Kailua Beach Park. They continued their fellowship on the island of Maui. **Front Row, L-R:** Jonet Ahuna, Vali Bell, Jane Marks, Renee (Archer) Nakashima, Dale (Nakashige) Hagadone, and Mary (Dunn) Osorio. **Second Row:** Kim (Finton) Clark, Kevin Sumimoto, Elizabeth (McLemore) Lum, Cynthia (Henna) Kono, Tami Curtice, Page (Bolona) Gaylord, David Sproule, and Randall Omoto. **Back Row:** Tatsuya Kobayashi, Eric Brewer, Mark Spencer, Virginia (Shasteen) Abeyta, Robert Wong, Rickerd Ching, Jim van der Voort, Scott Weathers, Bruce Ellis, Billy Orr, and Kyle Kaneshina.

Weddings

[1] **Jeremy and Rachel (Dang) Santiago '08** were married on December 17, 2016, at Kualoa Ranch in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Jeremy is a project engineer with Hawaii Gas and Rachel is a pediatric resident at Hawaii Residency Programs, Inc. They reside in Honolulu.

[2] **Kainoa Gruspe '13 and Amber Khan** were married on December 30, 2017, in Kahaluu, Hawaii. They reside in Honolulu. Kainoa's mother, Tara Gruspe, is a high school counselor at HBA.

[3] **Micah Nakamura '11 and Aimee Uyehara '11** were married on January 6, 2018, at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Micah is a programmer at HMSA, and Aimee recently received her masters degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. They reside in Honolulu. Siblings Jordan Nakamura '08 and Elise Uyehara '14 participated in the wedding party. Terence Li '02, HBA math teacher, and Derek Coryell, HBA middle school social studies teacher, were the emcees. George Honzaki, HBA middle school principal, gave a special blessing. Classmates Colby Anama, Caitlin Chong, Kalsi Kwon and Brandon Arakawa attended the celebration. Micah's mother, Dayna, teaches second grade at HBA.

[4] **Cody and Kaitlin '07 Miyashiro-Carvalho** were married on April 15, 2018, at Sunset Ranch in Pupukea on Oahu's North Shore. Cody is a flight attendant for Hawaiian Airlines and Kaitlin is a teacher at Highlands Intermediate School. Their son, Traeton, is a second grader at HBA. They reside in Aiea, Hawaii.

[5] **Edward Saito '06 and Karen Heisler** were married on April 21, 2018, at the Mission Basilica in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Edward is a clinical pharmacist and assistant professor at the Pacific University School of Pharmacy, and Karen is a pediatrician with Childhood Health Associates of Salem. They reside in Sherwood, Ore.



Baby Eagles



[1] **Maia Kamalii Yasukawa** was born on October 27, 2017, to Max and Krystal (Cortez) Yasukawa '07. She weighed 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Sibling: Mia, 4.

[2] **Alice Johnson** was born on March 20, 2018, to John and Julia (Wong) Johnson '04. She weighed 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 19 inches long.

[3] **Daralynn Miu Yun Chang** was born on March 29, 2018, to Danford and Donna Chang. She weighed 7 lbs. and 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Daralynn's father is the counseling department chair at HBA. Sibling: Dayson, 2.

In Memory

Alumni

Sally Kaneshiro Murata, 75, of the class of 1960, died in Honolulu on Dec. 29, 2017. She was retired from Hickam AFB as a secretary. She is survived by her three children, Lori (Dan) Funakoshi, Wendy Uesato, and Bryce Murata; and seven grandchildren.

Francis Liu, Jr., 66, class of 1969 associate, died January 6, 2018, in Honolulu. He was a retired infectious diseases physician with Kaiser Permanente. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; daughter, Colleen (Kevin); son, Peter (Tammy); and two grandchildren.

Sally Jane Kila Amina, 80, of the class of 1955, died on Feb. 7, 2018, in Waianae, Hawaii. She was the pastor of the Nanakuli Door of Faith Mission and was retired from the Department of Education. She is survived by her sons, Herbert (Jocelyn) Amina, Jr., Brian (Johnleen) Amina, Sr., Daryl (Doreen) Kila, Sr. and Neal Lydon (Lou Ann) Amina; daughters Sarah Naone, CherylAnn Amina and Lucy (Salvador) Mendoza; and hanai daughters Candy (Mitchell) Gaspar and Melinda (Sonny) Cuson. She had 37 grandchildren and 78 great-grandchildren.

Peter I. Tamura, 51, class of 1984 associate, died in Kaneohe, Hawaii, on March 6, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Patty; sons, Tom Tom and Paul; daughters, Becky and Christy; his parents, Shoichi and Victoria Tamura; and brothers, Stanton '81 and Daniel '83.

Mainland Advisory Council

Yvonne Franklin, 97, of Amarillo, Texas, died Dec. 12, 2017. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was active in many civic organizations in Amarillo. She is survived by two daughters, Ann (Jim) Austin and Jane (Steve) Austin; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy White, 92, of Bostic, N.C., died Jan. 9, 2018. She was a member of Florence Baptist Church. Survivors include her son, Keith White, and daughter, Sharon Haulk.

JC (Jake) Whitaker, 86, of Midland, Texas, died Jan. 21, 2018. He was a member of First Baptist, Midland, and had a dental practice. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Charlotte Whitaker; sons Brad and Keith (Loretta); daughter Kimberly (Randy) Rhoads; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Aron Ray Snider, 96, of Tyler, Texas, died Jan. 24, 2018. He was a member of First Baptist, Tyler, and was retired from McGraw Edison. He is survived by his wife, Inez; two daughters, Jeanetta (Alan) Brown and Melissa (Kurt) Stockholm; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Rita Land, 92, of Starkville, Miss., died Jan. 26, 2018. She was a member of Tunica Baptist Church before joining First Baptist Churches in Louisville and Starkville. She was long involved with the Woman's Missionary Union at the state and local levels. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah (David) Ingram; sons, Edwin (Melanie) and Michael Land; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

George Westrom, 95, of Prescott, Arizona, died Feb. 23, 2018. He was a manager at Odetics, Inc. in Anaheim, Calif. While a leader in the aerospace industry, his heart was teaching youth. He founded the Future Scientists and Engineers of America (FSEA) and started special programs at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana. He is survived by his wife, Sally; three daughters, Gloria (Dan) Cox, Sylvia Westrom, and Dawn (Russ) Nelson; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

William "Bill" Hall, 88, of Tulsa, Okla., died Feb. 24, 2018. He was a member of First Baptist, Tulsa, and was retired from medical practice. He is survived by his sons, Brian and Bruce (Lori) Hall; daughter, Janice Lewis; and three grandchildren.

Richard A. Pope, 87, of Columbia, S.C., died March 19, 2018. He was retired from Federal Land Bank, now AgFirst Bank. A former member of Rosewood Baptist Church, he also served at Trinity Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Mary Elaine Pope; son, Alan (Mary Beth) Pope; and three grandchildren.

Glen R. Goode, 83, of Dallas, Texas, died May 27, 2018. He was a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church and formerly served at First Baptist, Dallas. He was an automobile dealer. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Mark (Jami) and David (Joni); daughter Kay-Lynn Boyd; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Former & Current Staff:

Elsie Torikawa, 93, of Waipahu, Hawaii, died Dec. 13, 2017. She worked in the school cafeteria. She is survived by her sons, Alan and Wayne (Norene) Torikawa; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Margie Hoff, 91, of Elk Grove, Calif., died March 26, 2018. She and her late husband, Clifford, served in pastorates in Hawaii and California. She also worked in the HBA business office, 1975-76. She is survived by her sons, Tim (Carla) and Ed (Chris); daughter, Nancy (Ed) Giddens; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Hilarion "Larry" Ramos Sayson, Jr., 68, of Honolulu, died April 13, 2018. He was a security guard for 13 years. Every morning, he could be seen directing traffic during drop off at the middle and high school campus. He did this job with great care as the safety of each student was his number one priority. He is survived by his mother, Mary Sayson; two sons, Hilarion III and Blair (Tamara); and one granddaughter.

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

Lissy Jayaprakash, accounts payable specialist, on the passing of her mother, **Sara Jesudas**, 87, in South India on January 23, 2018.

Donna Nasca, elementary admissions secretary, on the passing of her mother, **Consolacion (Connie) Pops**, 89, of Waianae, Hawaii, on April 22, 2018.

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