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Hawaii Baptist Academy

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

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President's Message



Dear Friends:

Aloha and Mele Kalikimaka! The holiday season is in full swing on the island of Oahu. While we don't have any snow, the Christmas spirit is evident everywhere you go, especially at our school. This year, we held our very first community Christmas concert at the Hawaii Convention Center to officially kick off our 70th anniversary celebration. Families and friends enjoyed a wonderful production by our choral

program, Wind Ensemble, Halau Hula O Kalama Ula, and drama program. Prior to the show, guests were mesmerized by the river walk art gallery put together by our visual arts department. It was a privilege to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our community through our talented students, which follows our school's motto, "Christ For Every Nation." You can see photos and video highlights of this event on our school's Facebook and Instagram at @hbaeagles. Be sure to follow us so you can get all of the latest updates.

We are looking forward to our 70th Anniversary Celebration and Legacy Awards on February 23, 2019, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. I am pleased to announce that the recipient for the Lifetime Legacy Award is Miss Maurine King who taught at HBA for 52 years. Even in her retirement, Miss King continues to be a strong presence at our school as an advisor for the Mock Trial team, a coach for the *It's Academic* quiz show, guest seminar speaker for Christian Emphasis Week, writer and editor for this newsletter, and a reading coach for the kindergartners.

Please join me as we honor Miss King, along with nine others who have significantly impacted the mission of HBA, their community and/or ministry. Tickets are available for purchase at www.hba.net.

Sincerely,

Ron Shiira '75

PRESIDENT





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HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY

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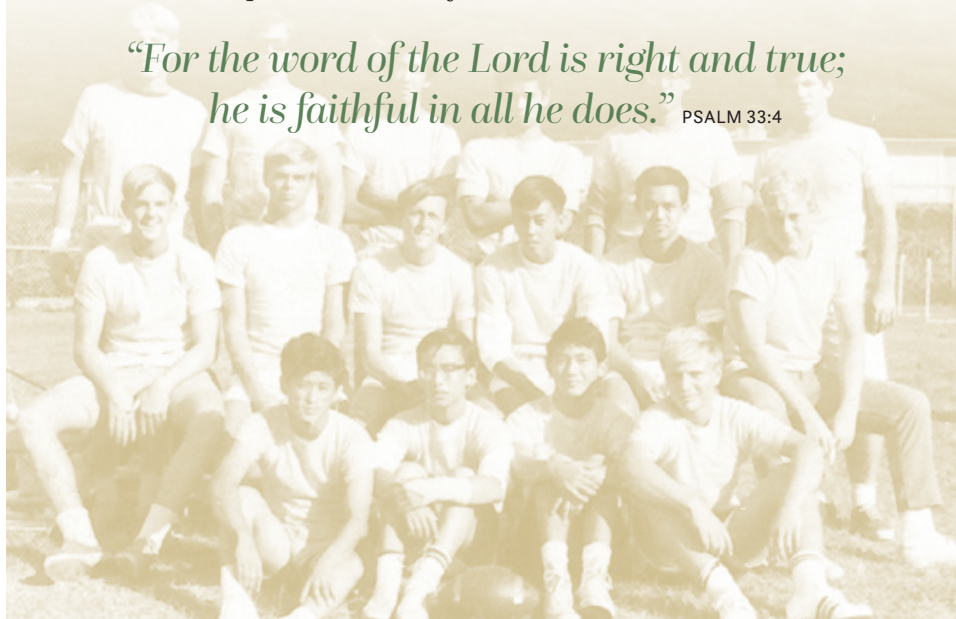
On the front cover:

Kindergarteners from Olivet Baptist Preschool in June 1946. These students would join HBA in 1950 for fourth grade.

Photo courtesy of Jason Mori '59.



In 2019, Hawaii Baptist Academy will celebrate its 70th anniversary. From our humble beginnings in refurbished army barracks, we are filled with humility and gratitude as we reflect upon God's faithfulness in the development and growth of our ministry. We are also indebted to those who faithfully followed God's calling to serve at HBA. They committed many years, even decades, to see God's plan fulfilled. As we look forward to the future, we remain committed to our mission, which is to share the gospel with every student and their family. We are honored and humbled to be a part of God's story and His school.



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



A 70-Year Commitment to Learning Through Faith and Love

70

1949–2019

1940

World War II forces Southern Baptist missionaries out of China and Japan. Several are relocated to the Territory of Hawaii to start mission work.

1946

Missionary Dr. Victor Koon heads a committee to promote the founding of a Baptist school.

1947

The Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia pledges \$125,000 over 5 years to fund property and facilities.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board (FMB) sends Hugh and Mary McCormick from Nigeria to start a school.



Mary and Hugh McCormick.

1949

Hawaii Baptist Academy opens with 36 students in grades 7 and 8.

Mr. McCormick serves as principal. Mrs. McCormick is school nurse and librarian.



Buildings are refurbished Army barracks.

1950

Grades 1, 2 and 3 from Olivet are transferred to HBA. Grade 4 is added.

1952

The first level of the elementary building is constructed.

1953

School is complete with grades 1–12.

1954

First graduating class has 3 graduates.



The first graduates of HBA (from left): Phillip Pereira, Jr., Kiyo Itokazu and Harry Uyeunten.

1955

The second floor of the elementary building is completed.

1959

Hawaii becomes a state. Phaseout of support by FMB begins.



1960

Operation of the school is transferred to the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

McCormicks and other missionary teachers retire/move back to the mainland.

1963

Kindergarten is added.

1965

Upper school receives accreditation.

1969

Construction begins on joint-use building with Central Baptist Church.

1970

The HBC Executive Board rejects a proposal to close the Academy.

The Board elects Col. Stanley Sagert, who was retiring from the U.S. Air Force, to head HBA and authorizes him to raise funds to support the school.



Col. Stanley A. Sagert, President 1970–1987.

1971

The joint-use building is completed.

Part of the original school property is leased to a developer to help finance a new campus on less expensive land.

1972

April 21: A 13.6 acre estate in Nuuanu is acquired at auction.

Dan Kong, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church and president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, pronounces the successful bid of \$553,000.

The building at 2429 Pali Highway had been the home of territorial judge Alexander Robertson.

Fall: Grades 7–12 meet in Theo H. Davies building in Mapunapuna.

1973

Construction starts on the 4-level classroom building on the Pali property.

Dan Kong is asked to join HBA as vice president of institutional advancement to help raise funds on the mainland.

Grades 7–12 meet in interim location at Makiki Christian Church's educational building 1973–75.

1975



The Bessie Fleming Classroom Building on the Pali Campus is completed.

Grades 7–12 move to new Pali campus.

Leeward elementary annex is started at First Baptist Church Nanakuli.

1977

The Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) holds its first meeting in Honolulu.

1982

A new Alma Mater is adopted with the words of Isaiah 40:31.

1983

The Shiraki Building is completed

1986

The Stanford Building on the Leeward Campus at Puu Kahea is completed.

1987

HBA acquires the Sacred Hearts Convent School as the new location for the elementary grades. Appraised at more than \$18 million, the Sisters sell it to HBA for \$14 million, interest-free. Col. Stanley Sagert retires after 17 years as HBA president.



HBA purchases the Sacred Hearts Convent School in 1987.

Dr. Ron Boggs is named president; resigns in 1988.

1988

Dr. Dan Kong becomes president.



Dr. Dan Kong,
President
1988-1993.

1990

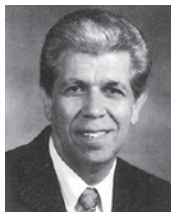
The Aloha Council is organized.

1992

HBA is incorporated as a subsidiary of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

1994

Richard Bento is named president.



Richard Bento,
President
1994-2016.

1997

HBA becomes the first K-12 school in Hawaii to implement the Modified School Calendar.

1998

HBA closes Leeward Campus due to declining enrollment.

1999

HBA celebrates its 50th anniversary, marked by 50 community service projects by students.

2002

Elementary school receives accreditation.

2006



The middle school campus is completed and named after former school president Dr. Dan Kong, who died in 2005.

HBA takes the ILH Division II first place Kaimana Award for overall school excellence and is recognized every year since in the program.



Kaimana trophy.

2007

A standard school attire is adopted for all students.

2011



The Waterhouse property on Wyllie Street is purchased for administrative offices.

2013



The renovated Learning Resource Center opens in October 2013.

The new Arts and Science Building is completed.

The library is renovated as the Learning Resource Center in the Fleming Building. iPads are distributed as part of the curriculum.

2014

Donor Wall on the Arts and Science Building is unveiled in February.

HBA holds its first Legacy Awards in November. The inaugural Lifetime Legacy Award is presented to Hugh and Mary McCormick, Col. Stan Sagert and Joyce Wong.



Joyce Wong

2015

The Lifetime Legacy Award recipients for the 2015 Legacy Awards are Dr. Dan Kong and Patricia Simmons.

2016

Ronald Shiira '75, vice president since 2013, becomes HBA's fifth president.

The elementary campus is named in honor of former president Richard Bento.



Ron Shiira, President
2016-present.

The Soldiers of Light choir celebrates their 25th anniversary.

2017



HBA's Mock Trial team wins their first state championship.

2018



HBA's Wind Ensemble performs at Carnegie Hall at the Sounds of Spring International Music Festival and at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

Kurt Murao • Class of 1987

Vice President—Legal and Administration and Corporate Secretary
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.

Q: What was the most meaningful part of your experience as a student at HBA?

A: The most meaningful thing has been friendships. The best friends that I had then are still with me now, and we're basically going through life together.

Q: How did HBA prepare you for life?

A: When I left HBA, I left with a lot of confidence. I think it's because I felt I had a lot of support, not only from the teachers and the administrators, but also the students. That support has carried me through my whole life.

I appreciate HBA more now than I did at the time I was there, and I think there's a good reason for that—you don't know the impact your school or your teachers had on you until you go through life. Life has its ups and downs. There are decisions to make, and I realize now how much HBA has helped me in becoming who I am, which informs how I make decisions in my life.



Courtney (Glaza) Naso • Class of 1989

Esquire
Law Office of Steven J. Kim



Q: What do you appreciate most about HBA?

A: What I experienced when I was a student at HBA, and what I still observe to be true today, is that every teacher genuinely cares for each and every student.

The heart and mission of HBA became very apparent to me and my family two years ago when I was diagnosed

with breast cancer. My classmates and my daughter's classmates, as well as the faculty, stood by us. They took time and prayed with us and supported us through the entire process.

Q: How did HBA prepare you for life?

A: I always try to bring integrity and honesty to my job, and those are values that were instilled in me at HBA.



Jeff Harada • Class of 1989

Women's Basketball Head Coach
California State University, Fullerton

Q: What is your favorite memory about HBA?

A: The biggest memory for me is on the athletics side, just being involved in sports and basketball, and winning the ILH Division 2 Championship.

Q: How did HBA prepare you for your career?

A: I really wanted to challenge myself to do something that nobody else thought could be done, and I learned that during my time at HBA because my teachers pushed me to dream big. I try to instill those same beliefs in my players. I am very thankful for the opportunities that HBA has provided me, and I am very excited to be able to tell my story to let others know that anything is possible. If you put your mind to something, and you really want it, you can find a way to get it done—all you have to do is believe and trust that God has a plan for you.



Jennifer (Hee) Oyer • Class of 1997

Chief Development Officer
The Salvation Army—Hawaii and Pacific Islands Division

Q: What did you appreciate most about your experience at HBA?

A: One of the most significant things I've taken away from my time at HBA would be the relationships that I've built and the friends that I made. I came to HBA in the second grade, and many of the friends I made then are still my best friends to this day. I also keep in touch and have meaningful relationships with some of the teachers, and they continue to mentor me.

Q: How did HBA prepare you for your career?

A: The path that I've taken in my career in the nonprofit world really started at HBA. One of my fondest memories was when the MAC came to visit. I always looked forward to MAC Week because I knew I would see the same friendly faces. I was also fascinated that we had donors from across the country supporting the ministry of HBA. I learned a lot about philanthropy through the MAC, and I knew I wanted to continue that in my professional career. I'm really grateful for the relationships that I've built with the people in the Mainland Advisory Council.



Brian Nagai • Class of 1992

Chef De Cuisine
Foodland Farms Ala Moana

Q: What was one of your favorite memories about HBA?

A: One of my favorite things about HBA was camp because of the fellowship and bonding. I enjoyed creating new relationships with students that I normally didn't hang out with during class time. Camp also strengthened relationships I already had, and created lasting friendships. Some of my best friends to this very day are the same people I've hung out with since seventh grade.

Q: How did HBA prepare you for your career?

A: HBA has contributed to my success by showing me that faith, family, and love, are important values. The culinary industry is really taxing, especially on your family life, social life, and just on yourself. But having a good faith and a strong relationship with my family has helped me to get through a lot of these long nights. To share my success with my family, with the people I love, I think is more rewarding than anything else.



Spreading the Aloha Spirit



The Soldiers of Light choir performs at First Baptist Richardson in Dallas, Texas.

THE SOLDIERS OF LIGHT (SOL) traveled across Houston, Dallas and Tulsa for 13 days in October to spread the aloha spirit through song, hula and testimony. They visited many of our faithful Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) members at their churches and care homes.

“The highlight of the trip was being able to reconnect with MAC members who have been unable to travel to Hawaii, as well as generating new inquiries for people who are interested in praying and supporting the mission of HBA,” said choir director Todd Yokotake ’84.

Following one of their concerts in Dallas, President Ron Shiira ’75 presented HBA’s Distinguished Service to God award to Dr. Darold Morgan at First Baptist Richardson. Dr. Darold Morgan joined the

MAC in 1977 and served as MAC Chair for three terms. Called to preach at the age of 16, he served as a pastor for over 20 years, and in 1970 he became the president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board before retiring in 1990. He will be recognized again on February 23, 2019, at HBA’s 70th Anniversary Celebration and Legacy Awards.

Many alumni also attended the concerts and reconnected with one another. In Dallas, Brandi (Yasuoka) Tanaka ’00 and her husband, Ron, hosted a regional alumni gathering at their home. Five generations of HBA’s history were represented.



President Ron Shiira, left, presents HBA’s Distinguished Service to God award to Dr. Darold Morgan, right, at First Baptist Richardson.

A lot of laughter was shared while flipping through yearbook pages and stories told.

As part of their tour, the SOL also visited seven colleges, including Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University and Oklahoma Baptist University.



Dallas Alumni Regional Gathering. From L-R: Eric Arasato ’82, Ron Shiira ’75, Jon Yamamoto ’82, Billie (Takaki) Lueder ’94, Jo (Robinson) Acker ’81, Nancy (Humphrey) Dark ’61, Brandi (Yasuoka) Tanaka ’00, Ron Tanaka, and Robert Whitfield.



The Soldiers of Light choir poses with MAC members at First Baptist Richardson.

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OUR SCHOOL. OUR FUTURE.

STRATEGIC FOCUS 2018

Our History.

Rooted in our 70 year history, Hawaii Baptist Academy continues to be a missional school that believes Jesus Christ to be “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” We bring faith and learning together to join God in the formation of people and the transformation of the world.

We are committed to our mission as we seek ways to improve, innovate, and provide the best learning environment for our students to become leaders in the 21st century.



Our Focus.

Hawaii Baptist Academy will equip each student with a biblical foundation and provide the academic rigor to develop their full potential. We cultivate the sensibilities of humility, curiosity, love, and commitment in our students' lives, so that upon graduation they will be ready for the challenges of life.



Our Approach.

A two-year journey of self-exploration helped create an action plan. The plan is driven by what we believe are our three top priorities.



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OUR SCHOOL. OUR FUTURE. STRATEGIC FOCUS 2018

DEVELOPING OUR PEOPLE

We believe that students, faculty, and staff are the heart of HBA's learning community. We are committed to each other and promote healthy collaboration and a safe environment. We will improve communication and focus on increasing teacher and staff effectiveness to enhance student learning.

INTEGRATING FAITH AND LEARNING

We believe the Christian faith brings a vital and necessary perspective to how we understand and act in the world. We provide opportunities to discover and deepen a love for God and His creation through an academic environment that enables our students to think critically through a Christian worldview.

CREATING BALANCE

We believe that every person's well-being is essential to reaching their full potential. As we equip our people spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally, we provide the time and resources required for their success.

DEVELOPING PEOPLE

- Teacher/Staff Effectiveness
- Student/Parent Engagement



CREATING BALANCE

- More Time
- More Space



FAITH AND LEARNING

- Social/Emotional Learning
- Christian Ministries



Weddings



Royce and Amber
Needham



Matthew and Rachel
Young

Royce and Amber (Au) Needham '12 were married on August 11 in Punaluu on the island of Oahu. Royce serves as a guardsman with the Hawaii Air National Guard. He is also finishing his bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Amber is a teacher's assistant at UH Manoa, where she is completing her master's degree in tropical plant and soil science. They reside in Honolulu.

Matthew and Rachel (Kaneshiro) Young were married on October 6 at Woodinville Alliance Church in Woodinville, Wash. Rachel is the K-6 Instructional Technology Specialist at HBA. They reside in Honolulu. Rachel is the daughter of David '71 and Janice Kaneshiro of Kirkland, Wash.

Reunions



THE CLASS OF 1988 gathered for their 30-year reunion. On July 6, they toured the campus, led by Kathy (Ching) Lee '69, retired admissions director, and Maurine King, retired faculty. **Front Row, L-R:** Kathy (Ching) Lee '69, and Maurine King. **Middle Row, L-R:** Kym (Choy) Char, Lili Ann Sora, Roanne (Muronaga) Abe, and Daniel Leatherman. **Back Row, L-R:** Lauren (Au) Kauhane, Kevin Higa, Donna (Meguro) Barnett, Bruce Ulrich, and James Shiroma. *Photo by Sharon Hagio.*



The celebration continued July 7 at Tiki's Grill and Bar in Honolulu. **Back Row, L-R:** Matt Vidaurri, Cheryl (Takiguchi) Bain, Bruce Ulrich, Patti (Saiki) Bulatao, Lili Ann Sora, Kym (Choy) Char, Lauren (Au) Kauhane, Candi (Han) Wada and Kevin Higa. **Front Row, L-R:** Lisa (Au) Lau, Daniel Leatherman, Mark Inoshita, and Laura Maeshiro. *Photo courtesy of Lili Ann Sora*

THE CLASS OF 1998 gathered for their 20-year reunion on June 30 at Ala Moana Beach Park to open their time capsule. **Front Row, L-R:** Steven Bui, DeeAnn (Yamashita) Sakamoto, Jessica (Arita) Schlais, and Julie Yamamoto. **Middle Row, L-R:** Michelle (Sutton) McCoy and Kara Iwasaki. **Top Row, L-R:** Honey Ho, Sherryll (Tolentino) Lane, Tracie (Fukunaga) Isara, Betsy (Mow) Cook, Toby Steele, Brent Miyagi, Maile (Moore) Wang, Melissa (Archpru) Akaka, and Shari (Wachi) Nakamoto. *Photo courtesy of Kara Iwasaki.*



THE CLASS OF 2008 gathered for their 10-year reunion at the HI Brau Room on September 15. **Standing, from L-R:** Jaymie Yamamoto, Sky Uyehara, Kylie Matsumoto, Melissa Martin, Kierstin Shimazu, Anna Sachs, Christina Yoo, Ethan Kawada, Ryan Adachi, Darin Leong, Reyn Matsumoto, and Troy Enoki. **Kneeling, from L-R:** Courtney Miyashiro, Jennifer Hu, Keith Kamikawa, Bryson Monma, and Eden Chik. *Photo courtesy of Eden Chik.*



In Memoriam

Alumni

AARON A.W.K. LEE, 36, of the class of 1999, died in Honolulu on July 29, 2018. He was the executive chef at the Star of Honolulu. His professional career included executive chef at Hapa J's Kitchen Bar and Lounge in San Clemente, Calif. He also worked at the Kroc Center, The Beach House at the Moana Surfrider Hotel, The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort. Aaron is survived by his parents, Ralph and Sharon Lee; sisters, Jennifer (Pou) Siatafu '95, Jayna Lee '97, and Joanna (Jarvas) Caballes; five nieces and four nephews; and maternal grandmother Toyoko Kaneshiro.

PAMELA LUM KOJA, 58, of the class of 1978, died in Honolulu on Nov. 8, 2018. She was employed at Sodexo. She is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, Richard and Devin; one granddaughter; mother, Amelia Lum; and brothers, Steven and Bruce Lum.

Mainland Advisory Council

VAN C. IVEY, JR., 92, of North Augusta, SC, died July 25, 2018. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of North Augusta and served in many capacities including deacon, Sanctuary Choir member and chairman of the building committee. He worked in communications for both E.I. DuPont and Westinghouse. Survivors include a brother, Don Ivey; three nieces; and a nephew.

GRACE COLSON, 97, of Conroe, Texas, died July 30, 2018. A former faculty member of HBA, she taught English, Typing and Notehand, 1964-73, during which time her husband, Virgil, was pastor of Pali View Baptist Church in Kaneohe. The Colsons ministered in San Diego for five years and then served as missionaries in Liberia, West Africa, for the next seven years. They "retired" to Jacksonville, Florida, where they were lay ministers at Shindler Drive Church. Grace continued to serve as pianist and WMU director. After her husband's passing, she moved to Texas to live with a son. At West Conroe Baptist Church, she volunteered in the church library and taught Sunday School. Grace is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles '71 and Jeannie, John '74 assoc. and Hope, Carey '78 assoc. and Denise, and six grandchildren. The family has established the Grace Colson Memorial Fund at HBA in her honor.

DR. MELVIN JOHNSON, 96, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 17, 2018. An Army medic during World War II, Mel was the first Osteopathic Internal Medicine physician in Fort Worth in 1956. He was an active member of Broadway Baptist Church for over 50 years and served the last 10 years at Agape Baptist Church. Mel is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Dr. Steven (Judy) Johnson; daughters, Janet (James) Manfull, and Karen (Ron) Francis; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

DR. TOM BRADDOCK, 94, of West Point, Miss., died Aug. 22, 2018. He was in medical practice for 57 years before retiring in 2008. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in numerous civic organizations, including the Rotary Club. Tom is survived by his wife, Martha; daughter, Emily Jones of Starkville and two grandsons; a step-daughter, Cindy Simmons Bridges; four great grandchildren; and two step-great-grandsons. He is also survived by sisters Emma Marie Braddock of Ripley, Miss., and Betty Joe Henry of Canyon, Texas. Another sister, Mary Eleanor Braddock Kong of Maui, Hawaii, preceded him in death in 2017. Tom was also preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Vivian Lee Braddock.

JULIE ANN ABERNATHY, 82, of Richardson, Texas, died Sept. 18, 2018. A member of First Baptist Church of Richardson, she was involved in the International Friends ministry, teaching English to international students for fifty years. Julie also traveled overseas and taught English in seminaries and churches in Switzerland, Poland, Romania, and Prague, after the death of her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Jan (Dr. Ray) Bandy; son, Jay (Kelle) Abernathy (Pastor and MAC member in Lubbock, Texas); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

RAMONA ROBERTS, 88, of Plainview, Texas, died Oct. 17, 2018. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. An active community leader and historian, Mrs. Roberts was named Plainview Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1976 and Best Committee Chairman of the Texas Historical Commission in 1980. She is survived by her husband, J.B. Roberts; sons, Randall (Ruthie), and Drury (Brian Thomas); daughter, Sarah (Greg) Westmoreland; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

HELEN TULL, 97, of Mandeville, La., died Nov. 6, 2018. She was a longtime member of Oak Park Baptist Church in New Orleans where she taught pre-kindergartners. Helen is survived by three sons, Howard (Brenda), Nelson (Suzie), and Samuel (Barra); one daughter, Frances Maurine (Chris) Diket; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

ROBERT EDWIN SPURLING, 82, of Dallas, Texas, died Nov. 29, 2018. Retired from Norfolk Southern Railway, Ed was an active member of First Baptist Church, Richardson, where he served as deacon and Sunday School teacher. Ed served two terms as chair of HBA's Mainland Advisory Council, 2005-06 and 2013-14. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Bruce (Melinda) and Brian (Marjan); and a granddaughter.

Other Friends

LAURA EFURD, 54, of Mililani, Hawaii, died July 2, 2018, at Hawaii Hospice in Kailua. Laura was a long-time aide to the late U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink, and also served in the Clinton administration as assistant director to the president and deputy director of public liaison. After 15 years of service in Washington, D.C., Laura moved to San Francisco in 2002 to join ZeroDivide, a not for profit foundation dedicated to achieving digital equality for vulnerable populations. In 2014, she returned to Hawaii to care for her ailing mother. Laura is survived by her brother, Steve, and his wife, Nikki, of Murphy, Texas. Laura and Steve have been trustees of their parents' trust for mission work, including Hawaii Baptist Academy, designated for the O.W. "Dub" and Grace Efurd Scholarship Fund. Grace Agena Efurd taught at HBA, 1957-58. Dub Efurd started the Kona and Mililani Baptist Churches and long supported HBA as Executive Director of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention and president of the Hawaii Baptist Foundation. He passed away in 2005 and she in 2014.

DR. TIMOTHY MORITA, 71, of Honolulu, died Nov. 9, 2018, while visiting his daughter in Tennessee. He served as a chaplain for the U.S. Navy for 27 years, 1978-2005. After retiring from the military, he served as HBA's vice president and director of institutional advancement, 2005-2012. He then served as the senior pastor at Olivet Baptist Church and retired in 2016. Tim is survived by his wife, Jan; two daughters, LeAnn (Steve) Moreno and Laura (Brad) Mitchell; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Marilyn (Alan) Takeshita and Wanda (Leslie) Murata.



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Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Coral Ballrooms IV & V

Lifetime Legacy



Maurine King
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Distinguished Service to God



Dr. Darold Morgan
Mainland Advisory
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Distinguished Service to the Community



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The Aloha Council (TAC)



Brad & Esther McDaniel '86
Harvest Family Life Ministries
Hawaii (HFLM)

Distinguished Service to HBA



Suchart Archpru
Retired Facilities
Director 1978–
2012



Sharon Hagio
Institutional
Advancement Office
1969–Present



Faustina Lazo
Retired Faculty
1968–2012

Distinguished Alumni



Kurt Murao '87
Vice President of Legal
and Administration and
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