

May  
2009

# Foundation News

## Annual Report

### Five alumni will receive Foundation honor awards

**F**ive Kalāheo graduates have been selected to receive our organization's Alumni Honor Award. Recipients will be formally honored at the annual meeting and lū'au event on July 18.

**John Bergsma, Ph.D. ('89)** Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville. B.S. in Classical Languages, Master of Divinity, and Master of Theology from Calvin College and Seminary, MI. Ph.D. in Theology, Notre Dame University, IN. Formerly writer for an organization promoting biblical literacy and scholarship and pastor of an inner-city church in Grand Rapids, MI.

**Patrick Chu ('76)** Asia Managing Editor for Bloomberg News; started the U.S. West Coast bureaus in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle. Led Bloomberg's technology, media, entertainment and telecom coverage in the U.S. For over 12 years, worked as Bloomberg's global managing editor for recruiting and training, economy and politics and energy and commodities. Formerly business editor of *The Oregonian* in Portland; financial markets reporter and editor for *USA Today*. B.A. in Journalism, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. M.A. in Communications, American University.

**Terry Gilton, Ph. D. ('80)** Founder of pSi-Flow Technology, developing a new technology for chemical analysis on the chip scale. Formerly Vice President of Technology at Aptina Imaging. Senior Director of Product Technology at Micron Technology. Various other positions over the years at Micron. B.S. in Chemistry, University of Arkansas. Ph.D. in Chemical Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara. Holds over 140 patents in a broad range of technologies.

**May Okihiro, M.D. ('80)** Pediatrician, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Assistant Professor, University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) Department of Pediatrics. Director, The Hawai'i Initiative for Childhood. Research and Education, JABSOM Department of Pediatrics. B.A. in Cell Biology, UC, Santa Barbara. M.D., University of Hawai'i, JABSOM. M. S. in Clinical Research, UH. Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Board Certified, American Board of Pediatrics.

**Lt. Col. James S. Shigekane ('88)** Commander of the 10th Airlift Squadron, 62nd Operations Group, 62nd Airlift Wing,

### Fourth Annual Lū'au is Saturday, July 18, 2009

**T**hanks to the success of last year's on-campus venue, the Fourth Annual Kalāheo High School Community and Alumni Lū'au — and Annual Meeting—will once again be held under the monkey pod trees.

Always seeking to improve this annual gathering, alumni organizers are planning traditional Hawaiian as well as other foods, assorted pupus, Hawaiian music, varied entertainments, and special recognitions.

As part of the program, Alumni Honor Awards will be bestowed upon five Kalāheo graduates.

Some readers will remember the recipients as their classmates from 1976, 1980, and 1988 and 1989. Join us as we honor their accomplishments.

For tickets, use the TICKET ORDER FORM on the back of this newsletter. Pick up your tickets at the event.

**Fourth Annual  
Kalāheo High School  
Community & Alumni**

**LŪ'AU**

**On the School Campus  
Saturday, July 18, 2009**

**5 PM Pupus—6 PM Dinner**

**Adults \$25  
Children \$15 (ages 5-12)  
Age 4 and under FREE**

**Music by Hawaiian Boy Crew**

**TICKETS**

**www.kalaheofoundation.org**  
**Kalāheo HS Office—254-7900**  
**Wade Nakashima—282-8600**

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## President's Message

When I became president in 2005, my main focus was to increase awareness of and membership in the Kalāheo High School Foundation. Since then, more than 975 alums have registered on our Web site.



I hope that your paid memberships and donations will begin, continue, and increase in support of our mission to "provide a permanent funding source for promoting student achievement and academic excellence at Kalāheo High School."

Steven Loretero  
*President and Webmaster*

We have increased our involvement in the community by setting up a booth at several I Love Kailua Town Party events and by establishing our annual Kalāheo Community and Alumni Lū'au. Our fourth annual lu'au will be on July 18th this year and thereafter on the 3rd Saturday of July.

I am always seeking opportunities to promote the Foundation. Much of my work to raise our profile has consisted of appeals to our 8000-plus alumni.

Last October, I was invited by my classmate Mike McDermott ('83) to join Facebook.com. At first I was very reluctant because I felt this would replace the Foundation/Alumni Web site I had worked so hard to build. Mike saw it differently. He felt Facebook could actually enhance our Web site.

I reluctantly took Mike's advice and quickly learned he was right. I found so many of my classmates. I then knew I could use Facebook as another avenue to continue to promote the Foundation.

If you are on Facebook, tell your friends to also register on our Web site. If you're not on Facebook, join and you will be surprised—as I was—at the number of classmates you will find.

Facebook should enhance the Foundation Web site and not be used as a replacement. For example, when reunion planners and others ask the school or Board members for alumni information, they are referred directly to [www.kalaheofoundation.org](http://www.kalaheofoundation.org) where we also post reunion information and maintain an eRegistry.

A recent addition to our site is a Reunion Planner. I designed this to help coordinators of class reunions promote, plan and organize their reunions. Any registered member can login to the site and announce reunion plans, email all registered classmates, create events, track payments received for those events, and print a guest list.

During my tenure, the features of our Web site and involvement in community events have helped increase awareness of our organization.

Coming July 18, 2009!

**2009 ALUMNI  
ACHIEVEMENTS  
SLIDE SHOW!**

Alumni: Please provide the following to be included in the show to be presented at our annual lu'au, July 18, 2009. Send to Martha Robertson at [mrobert575@aol.com](mailto:mrobert575@aol.com).

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Digital photo, at least large document file size, please.

Resumé or description of post-Kalāheo accomplishments: education and degrees, professional experience and current work, community work . . .

Quotation (Optional): Kalāheo memories of activities, teachers, friends, influence on your life and achievements

If you were included in the 2008 slide show, please submit updates. See list, page 4.

# Updates

## 1970s

The **Class of 1976** turned 50 this year, prompting a photo from a few classmates who got together at a 50th state rendezvous to wish each other Happy Birthday: **Villia Felipe Ponce** (Waipahu), **Vernatta Chang Chan** (Waipahu), **Brenda Gishi Angel** (Idaho) **Erin Harr Yee** (California).



## Alex Bielawski ('73-75)

tripped across our Web site and found it "very interesting to see what's happening there now." A police sergeant with the Grand Prairie Police Department (TX), Alex attended Kalāheo Hillside Intermediate and High School but graduated in Texas in 1978. Alex worked on the school newspaper *Hill Happenings*, and his mother, Ingrid Bielawski, was a Kalāheo cafeteria volunteer.

## 1980s

**Mike McDermott ('83)** is searching for videotapes of Kalāheo drama productions during his freshman and sophomore years—*Lil Abner* and *The Wizard of Oz* directed by teacher Joy Coppel. Neither has been located at the school. Mike earned his B.A. in English at UH, Mānoa, and then moved to Boston where he received his Master of Library and Information Studies at Simmons. For many years, he was reference librarian at the University of Southern Maine and now does library IT at Maine's Bowdoin College.

**David Lange ('85)** lives in Albany, OR, where he has for 10 years worked at his own insurance auditing company. A Linfield College graduate with an M.B.A. from Oregon State University, David is married with three children and head varsity football coach in Corvallis.

## 1990s

**Robert Harris ('93)**, environmental attorney, was recently appointed director of the Sierra Club-Hawai'i Chapter. The *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* (Nov. 19, 2008), reported he attended University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he volunteered with Youth for Environmental Science, formed an environmental club, and worked at Lyon Arboretum. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemical/environmental science before studying at the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and clerking for an Associate Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

**Jessica Monroe May ('95)** passed away on October 11, 2008, from Usual Interstitial Pneumonitis, a rare lung disease. She was class secretary and a "top 5" Kalāheo graduate; she held accounting degrees from Windward Community College and University of Hawai'i and was employed at HMSA.

## In Memory

### Virginia Bickmore

English Teacher, 1974-75—1981-82

### Jessica Monroe May

Class of 1995

### Ken Morita

Math Teacher, 1975-76—1984-85

### Ronald Tajiri

Kalāheo Custodian, 1979-1999

### John Vorfeld

Class of 1978

## Foundation and Alumni T-Shirts \$12.00



Light blue with  
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or **KALAEHO**  
**FOUNDATION**  
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Contact **Alex Ress**  
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## CLASS REUNIONS

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and check for details  
or updates at our Web  
site. Contact [stevenl@kalaheofoundation.org](mailto:stevenl@kalaheofoundation.org)

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Class  
of 1979—30th  
August 2009  
Matt Murphy, Karin Tolhurst

Class of 1981—30th  
October 2011, Kailua  
Toni Pao  
Class of 1984—25th

November 2009, Kailua  
Pamela Olson Nakanelua

Class of 1985—25th  
June 2010, Las Vegas  
April Inouye

Class of 1989—20th  
July 16-18, 2009, Honolulu  
Anna Garot Piianaia

Class of 1999—10th  
July 2009, Kailua  
Christina Mabalot

### 35th Anniversary Alumni Achievements Slide Show

The following were featured in the alumni slide show presented at last summer's lu'au.

#### 1970s

Wade Nakashima, Lisa DeLong, James Hasselman, Raymond Benzing, Thomas Guy, Richard A. Rose, George "Kauila" Barber, Colleen "Susu" Leong Markham, Curtis Briggs, Thomas Umbhau, Sue Ball Larson, Tammy Pasela Diamond, Charmagne Kimhan, Brenda Lowrey, Jon Furukawa, Patrick Chu, George Wong, Jay Atkins, Celia Chu Lines, Francoise Lum Mueller, John Goss, Joe Moe, Michael Riley, Kevin Butterbaugh, Paul Morgan, Rayette Santos Whitford, Steven Hutchings, Jeffrey Smith, Cindy Gaspar Rust

#### 1980s

Zane Hamrick, Marisa Ress Nguyen, Malia Dawn Annis Clemons, May McCarthy, May Okihiro, Mii Hawkins, Melissa Bauer, Robert Aguirre, James Shigekane, Nancy Fanning Tucker, Patricia Lopes Harris, Sarah Stroup, John Bergsma, Robert Rickenbrode, Susan Coffman Enge, Christy Watts, Scott Gerbozy, Steven Loretero, April Inouye, Brady Churchill, Darren Tanaka, David Smith, Arianne Freeman Hines, Julie Raymond Moffet, Scott Donovan, LaVonda Reed-Huff, Delbert Turner, Terry Gilton, Tina Reyna Wary, Johnny Almony, Christine Krainer Kaahua, Roger Domingo Felipe, Ken Spicer, Stacia Pinkosh Asimos, Victor Badillo

#### 1990s

Karl Herlinger, Jeffrey Yee, Myah Moore, Steve Heimuli, Ryan Churchill, Alex Ress, Jordan Shanahan, Melissa Melton Riddick, Deanna Scott Wells, Melanie C. Fields, Sandra Bernadel McLagan, Kevin Olival, Mark Slaton

#### 2000s

Willie Haile, Ikaika Alama-Francis, Suzanne Katija-Ari, Michael Lukacs

The coming together of the Kalāheo 'Ohana for the third annual lu'au was a happy and nostalgic gathering of Mustangs and Mustang supporters from near and far.

As we celebrated the school's 35th Anniversary under the campus monkeypod trees overlooking Kawainui Marsh and the Ko'olau, the event tested a long held premise that the park-like setting was the perfect place to party.

Lead lū'au organizer **Alex Ress** rose to the challenge and, assisted by alum **Wade Nakashima** and other hard-working folks, took care of the details—promotion and advertising, tables and chairs, decorations, food, and entertainment.

Making his first Kalāheo lu'au appearance—and hopefully not last—was alumnus **Paul Kim** with **Hawaiian Boy Crew**, playing mellow sounds throughout the evening. Alum **Willard Holck** catered the 'ono Hawaiian dinner.

School custodian **Lilia Kaleleiki** served above-and-beyond, graciously facilitating after-hours use of the campus. Retired electronics teacher **Barry Mumper**, always true to his school, was our audio technician.

Others pitched in to help, including vice principal and board member **Karen Kanda**, Alex's wife **Clare Conners**, Alex's sister **Marisa Nguyen**, and yours truly who had a fabulous time researching and putting together the PowerPoint presentation.

After twilight, the end wall of F-Building (formerly E-Building) was the big screen for a 25-minute slide show highlighting the accomplishments of about 80 graduates and honoring past-principals and Alumni Honor Award recipients.

When the Kalāheo alma mater appeared on the wall, **Villia Felipe Ponce** promptly stood up to lead the crowd in singing the old familiar song—twice, until we got it right.

Among the way out-of-town alumni in attendance were **Dr. Jeffrey Smith** and his wife from Atlanta and **Brenda Gishi Angel** from Idaho. If you were also there from out-of-town, I'm sorry I missed you. Or did I just forget I saw you?

Hāna hou! July 18, 2009!

—Martha Robertson



Above: Olomana and the Koolau from Kalāheo's backyard

1. Vernatta Chang Chan, Brenda Gishi Angel, Villia Felipe Ponce
2. Lei Johnson-Wong, Gail Robbins, Vena Petty Knipple and husband Woody with Kalāheo PE/Health teacher Kay Johnson
3. Relaxed and retired Kalāheo principal Dr. James L. Schlosser
4. The Nakashimas (alum Wade and his parents) with retired teachers: Barry (Grace) Mumper, Phil (Faye) Chase, and Carin Goo.
5. Three guys and a doll.
6. Under the monkeypod trees: All set up and ready to party!
7. Paul Kim (left) with Hawaiian Boy Crew
8. Shaka, brah!
9. Smiles from Linda Mensching ('83) and her husband
10. Villia, Brenda, former Kalāheo teacher Dr. Judith Saranchock and her daughter, Wade Nakashima

Below: Ummmm... good!



# Lu'au : On campus under the monkeypod trees



Photos by Brenda Gishi Angel

## Mahalo to our most generous donors

We gratefully acknowledge cumulative donations from our most generous contributors since inception to July 31, 2008. In addition to alumni graduation years, the following designations are given: F/S = Faculty/Staff, Past or Present; S = Supporter, B = Business/Corporate, SS-Scholarship

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May McCarthy '81  
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Monica Mosher-Cates (S)  
Margaret Porter Peebles '76  
ElDora Robertson (F/S)  
James L. Schlosser (F/S)  
Mark Smith '78  
Nancy Fanning Tucker '83  
Carlos Vela & Cecilia Vela-Bailey (S)  
Clarence Weatherwax '76



### KALĀHEO COAT-OF-ARMS

#### Symbolism

- Lamp — Knowledge
- Quill & Scroll — Scholarship
- Hand Clasp — Unity
- Letter "K"—Athletics
- Palette & Drama Mask—  
The Arts
- Mustang — Mascot

*"Though we leave for  
distant places, our hearts  
with you remain."*

Alma Mater

## Financial Report Jodi Beaty, Treasurer

### KALĀHEO HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

#### Receipts and Income

Contributions	\$ 4,854.56
Mutual funds, loss	(6,732.64)
Bank interest income	<u>2.34</u>
Total receipts and income	124.26

#### Disbursements

Class of 1998—Class Funds	2,597.14
Postage	<u>62.78</u>
Total disbursements	2,659.92

Net decrease in net assets (2,535.66)

Net Assets as of December 31, 2007 65,406.64

Net Assets as of December 31, 2008 **\$62,870.98**

#### Financial Position

#### Assets:

USB account—money market and CD	\$39,638.08
Vanguard Asset Allocation Fund	4,861.05
Vanguard Growth & Income Fund	4,156.31
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	4,104.65
Checking account	10,110.89
Total Assets	<b><u>\$62,870.98</u></b>

#### Net Assets:

Temporarily restricted	
Class '02, sound equipment	3,225.14
Various donors, computers	<u>1,100.00</u> 4,325.14
Permanently restricted endowment	1490.00
Unrestricted	
Board designated, endowment	20,833.11
Undesignated	36,222.73 53,994.36
Total Net Assets	<b><u>\$62,870.98</u></b>

# Thank you for your support in 2007-2008

Donations received by July 31, 2008. Please advise us of errors or omissions and accept our apologies.

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Leslie Niebuhr '88  
Robert and Paula Ress (S)  
Nick Staples (F)  
Roy & Carolyn Yanagida (SS)  
Lisa Horak-Zanin '81

The Foundation Board is currently developing grants and awards to promote and reward excellence in teaching. Donations to the Fan Fund are no longer accepted. The installation of classroom ceiling fans has been discontinued due to electrical and other issues. Fans were installed where needed in Buildings A, B, C, D, E, F, K.

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**Lū'au**

**On the School Campus, Saturday, July 18, 2009  
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**TICKET ORDER**

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