



President's Message

Growing the Endowment Fund is the key to our mission

Aloha, Kalaheo 'Ohana!

Thanks for taking the time to read and stay connected to Kalāheo High School through the Kalāheo Foundation's newsletter.

This is the first newsletter since I was elected Foundation president in September 2009, so I'll quickly introduce myself.

As a proud Kalāheo graduate from the Class of 1990, I have been a board member for a few years and served for two years as vice-president.

Who knew when I began attending Board meetings that I would soon start a fundraising project to sell Foundation and Alumni t-shirts, hats, and other merchandise?

I also headed up the 2008 Community and Alumni Lū'au held on the campus grounds. It was quite an undertaking and a great learning experience.

With the assistance of alumni, Board members, my family, and other supporters, we all enjoyed the first ever event to take place under the monkeypod trees and the stars. More importantly, it did not rain!

Our History and Mission

Now, let's talk about the really important things—the Foundation's history and its mission "to provide a permanent funding source for promoting student achievement and academic excellence at Kalāheo High School."

Our Foundation was established in 1992 thanks to \$4000 in seed money from the school's faculty and staff.

These funds were the entire monetary award received when Kalāheo was honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

With increasing support from alumni, teachers, parents, and community members, that seed has grown into a full-fledged Foundation whose Board administers funds to provide continuing support to Kalāheo's students.

Accomplishing Our Mission

Currently, we fulfill our mission by awarding



grants to a few of many worthwhile school projects.

Our grants have funded classroom fans and their installation, library computers, a student literary magazine, production equipment, furniture, and other needs.

Thanks to your many donations, our financial position has considerably improved. However, we are still far shy of having what can be called "a permanent funding source."

In order to fulfill our mission, we need to put away a large sum from which we can draw interest to support the school.

Growing Our Endowment for Grants

At a recent Board meeting, a new grant policy was approved. It allows us to continue small grants while working to significantly increase our Endowment Fund. This policy will enable more substantial grants in the future and ensure our stability and longevity.

Board members alone cannot fulfill the Foundation's mission. We request your trust and support as we grow the endowment.

A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and can be made online at www.kalaheofoundation.org or by mail.

Additionally, there are three things you can do:

1. Make sure your annual membership donation of at least \$25 is up to date. Again, go to www.kalaheofoundation.org.
2. Attend the Annual Kalaheo Foundation Community and Alumni Lū'au which is held every July at various Kailua venues, including the Kalāheo campus. Help us expand our roots by bringing your family and inviting your friends to this event.
3. Enlist the help of other members of the Kalāheo 'ohana—alumni, faculty, staff, and community supporters—by encouraging them to register on our Web site and donate to our Endowment Fund.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please go to our Web site and send a note to me or any of our board members.

We thank you for your affiliation with Kalāheo High School through the Foundation.

Mahalo nui loa,
Alex Ress, *President*

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Featured Faculty

2010 retirements mark the end of an era

As others retired and the years passed by, Karen Kanda and Martha Robertson began to realize that their professional histories comprised the entire history of the their school. When they chose to simultaneously end their careers, they decided that, because one or both had organized virtually every other retirement party since the beginning of Kalāheo time, they would throw their own party.

So, with the theme of “Thanks for the Memories,” their farewell luncheon on May 27, 2010, was equal parts reminiscence, reunion, and celebration.

In the elegantly decorated school cafeteria, 140 invited guests—including the current faculty and staff, PTSA board members, alumni, and a large group of former or retired school employees—enjoyed a catered lunch and a program featuring a retrospective slide show, video, and farewell speeches. The retirees were presented with recognition awards from the school and congratulatory declarations from the Hawai‘i State Senate.

Long tenures in the same school are increasingly rare, and the retirements of these Kalāheo veterans mark the end of an era. Both had worked at the school since its early days as Kalāheo Hillside Intermediate. During a transitional period in the 1970s, the school was subsequently Kalāheo Intermediate and High and then Kalāheo High.

Karen Kanda

Shortly after receiving her B.Ed. from University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa, Mrs. Kanda began her teaching career in January 1970 as Miss Kaneshiro.

Over the years, she taught thousands of students in eighth grade social studies, Modern History of Hawai‘i, Participation in Democracy, World History, International Affairs, Asian Studies, and U.S. History.

Always up for a challenge, she was Graduation Coordinator, Social Studies Department Head, National Honor Society Advisor, PTSA Teacher Representative, SCBM Teacher Representative, Student Government (ASK) Advisor, and advisor to numerous classes. She also served on the Kalāheo High School Foundation board.

In August 2002, Kanda stepped up to an administrative vacancy, completed her training, and was vice principal until retirement. The vice principal’s duties are of a serious nature, and Kanda addressed school and student issues on Kalāheo Morning News closed-circuit broadcasts via her weekly segment, “Let’s Talk School.”



During the past decade or so, she also appeared in school videos and at faculty meetings as Auntie Aloha. In a departure from Kanda’s usual “anything black” fashion statement, her alter ego wore a grass skirt and aloha prints.

Auntie Aloha exhibited a fine command of Pidgin English, effectively delivered her messages, moved audiences to bust out laughing, and generally destroyed any sense of decorum.

About her 40-year Kalāheo experience, Kanda says, “It was a great ride. To all my former students: I did my best and have no regrets. It’s time to move on. Aloha and mahalo.”

Martha Robertson

The last original Kalāheo faculty member to retire, Mrs. Robertson began her teaching career in 1966 as Miss Akana at a new school in a new A-Building classroom enhanced by the smell of fresh paint and sawdust.

She attended the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, University of California at Riverside, and University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, where she received her B.Ed.

A year of post-baccalaureate studies followed. In those days, an aspiring teacher was required to earn a Fifth Year Professional Diploma by taking graduate-level education courses and completing a semester of intern teaching in a public school.

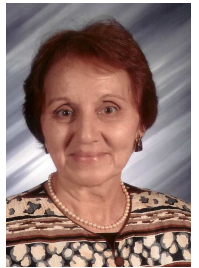
During her 23 years in Kalāheo’s classrooms, Robertson taught grades 7 through 12, including grade level English courses, Creative Writing, Mass Media, American Literature, British Literature, and Advanced Placement English Literature.

After earning her Masters in Library Studies at U.H. Mānoa’s School of Library and Information Studies, Robertson transitioned to 20 years as Kalāheo librarian and audiovisual coordinator.

During her tenure, she was English/Language Arts Department Head, National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society Advisor, Curriculum Coordinator, Developer/Coordinator of the Gifted and Talented Program, Coordinator of the Ninth Grade English/Social Studies Program, Cooperating Teacher with the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Student Teaching Program, and five-time Accreditation Coordinator.

Robertson designed, compiled, authored, and/or edited many school documents, including six Accreditation Reports, the National Blue Ribbon School

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Featured Alumni

Deborah Robertson ('82), Allison Xie ('06)

PRESS RELEASES: August 2009, May 2010

State of New York Banking Department Invites Deborah Robertson to Serve on Committee on Development of New York Specific Test

Deborah Robertson (Albany, NY) has been invited by the State of New York Banking Department to serve on the committee to develop a New York specific test for the Mortgage Loan Originator licensing process.

In this project, Deborah will be working on the NY SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test. As part of the committee, Deborah will revise and approve a state content outline, assist in the creation of new test items (questions), and assist in the review and approval of test specifications and standards. This opportunity, in which Deborah will be working directly with members of the New York State Banking Department, positions her as a subject matter expert on New York's mortgage loan originations laws, regulations and practices.

Robertson Authors Bill on Capitol Hill for MHI

On behalf of firm client, Manufactured Housing Institute, **Deborah Robertson** (Albany) served as the primary author of H.R. 5369, a bill to amend the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (SAFE Act) to exempt manufactured and modular housing retailers from the requirements of the Act. The bill is currently under review in the U.S. House of Representatives and has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

On Monday of this week, Deborah met with members of the Committee on Financial Services, including top staffers for chairman of the committee, Barney Frank (D.,Mass), as well as the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and HUD to discuss the reasoning behind the bill and to attempt to reach an agreement with HUD on a delayed effective date for the SAFE Act. The Financial Services Committee agreed to author a letter to HUD on our client's behalf to address issues raised in the meeting and by H.R. 5369.

Deborah M. Robertson is a member in the McGlinchey Stafford Law Firm's Albany office, where she centers her practice in the areas of banking law and consumer financial services law with a focus on mortgage lending, manufactured housing and 50-state licensing and regulatory compliance.

University of Massachusetts, B.S., Legal Studies, 1987; Pace University School of Law, J.D., Environmental Law, 1992 (Law Review); Senior Class President, Kalāheo High School, 1982.



PRESS RELEASE: July 2009

Wellesley College Senior Allison Xie of Pearl City, Hawai'i, Wins Beckman Scholarship for Scientific Research

WELLESLEY, Mass. – Wellesley College senior **Allison Xie**, daughter of Ping Xie and Zheng Fang Lin of Pearl City, Hawaii, has won a Beckman Scholarship. The award, which is approximately \$20,000, will fund two summers and one academic year of scientific research.

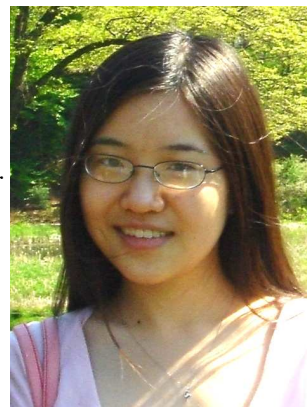
The scholarship will fund Xie's biochemistry research in Wellesley Assistant Professor of Chemistry Donald Elmore's laboratory on characterizing Buforin II.

"A cell-penetrating antimicrobial peptide, Buforin II is interesting for its potential use in drug delivery and provides an alternative to traditional antibiotics," Xie said.

Xie is double majoring in biochemistry and history at Wellesley and serves as vice president of Clio, Wellesley's history club. "Though history and biochemistry may seem two very divergent fields of studies, I have benefited greatly from learning critical thinking skills from both perspectives," she said.

Since 1875, Wellesley College has been a leader in providing an excellent liberal arts education for women who will make a difference in the world.

Allison Xie recently graduated from Wellesley College with a B.A. with Honors in Biologically Chemistry and a B.A. in History. Her chemistry research project on antimicrobial peptides formed the foundation of her senior honors thesis, "Investigating the Role of Proline in Antimicrobial Peptide Buforin II." Her History major concentrated on early modern Europe and her thesis focused on the mutually influencing relationship between science and religion in early seventeenth century England. She



was elected as an Associate Member to the Wellesley Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Allison currently works at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a teaching hospital affiliated with Harvard Medical School. Medical school is in her future, and she is applying for the 2012 cycle.

Wellesley College, B.A. in Chemical Biology and BA in History, 2010; Kalāheo High School, 2006. High school honors and activities: National Honor Society, Multicultural Reading Club, Class Valedictorian, scholarships from Gromet Foundation, Marmoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation, Marion MacCarrell, USA Funds Access to Education, and the Tzu Chi Foundation. Allison attended Kalāheo High School from 2002-2006 after she and her family moved to Hawai'i from Tianjin, China.

Class of 1990 celebrates at 20th reunion events

Attendees at the Class of 1990's reunion, July 16-18, 2010, played and partied at Mid-Pacific Country Club, Klipper Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kalama Beach Club., and the Annual Kalāheo Community and Alumni Lū'au, also at Kalama. The Foundation encourages class reunion planners to include the annual July luau in their reunion events.

True to their school, the class presented the Kalāheo Foundation with a \$1090 donation.

Photos provided by Jeff Yee ('90)



Class of 1990 celebrates at 20th reunion events



Kalāheo Community & Alumni Lū'au July 2010

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Financial Report Jodi Beaty, Treasurer

KALĀHEO HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Receipts and Income

Contributions	\$3,235.00
Mutual Funds	2,960.67
Interest Income	3.01
T-Shirt Sales (Promotional)	648.00
Annual lū'au	<u>3,105.00</u>
Total Receipts and Income`	9,951.68

Disbursements

Administrative Cost	504.36
Luau Expenses	3,992.30
Yanagida Scholarship	2,000.00
Promotional Expenses	<u>2,125.69</u>
Total Disbursements	8,658.35

Net increase in net assets 1,293.33

Net assets as of December 31, 2008 62,870.98

Net assets as of December 31, 2009 \$64,164.31

Financial Position

Assets:

UBS Account–Money Market and CD	\$39,558.67
Vanguard Asset Allocation Fund	5,732.19
Vanguard Growth & Income Fund	5,088.19
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	5,191.71
Checking Account	<u>8,593.55</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$64,164.31</u>

Net Assets:

Endowment Fund	64,164.31
Total Net Assets	<u>\$64,164.31</u>

Retirements (continued)

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Nomination, and the earliest issues of the Kalāheo Course Description Manual and PTSA Newsletter.

Robertson served on the boards of the Hawai‘i Council of Teachers of English (HCTE), Hawai‘i Association of School Librarians (HASL), and Kalāheo PTSA.

She is a founding member and continues to serve on the board of the Kalāheo High School Foundation and Alumni Association.

“Except for some of the gazillion faculty meetings,” Robertson recalls with a wink, “I never had a dull moment at Kalāheo. There were always new people to psycho-analyze [wink, wink] and a wide variety of interesting things to learn, develop, write, rethink, evaluate, coordinate, organize, and enjoy.

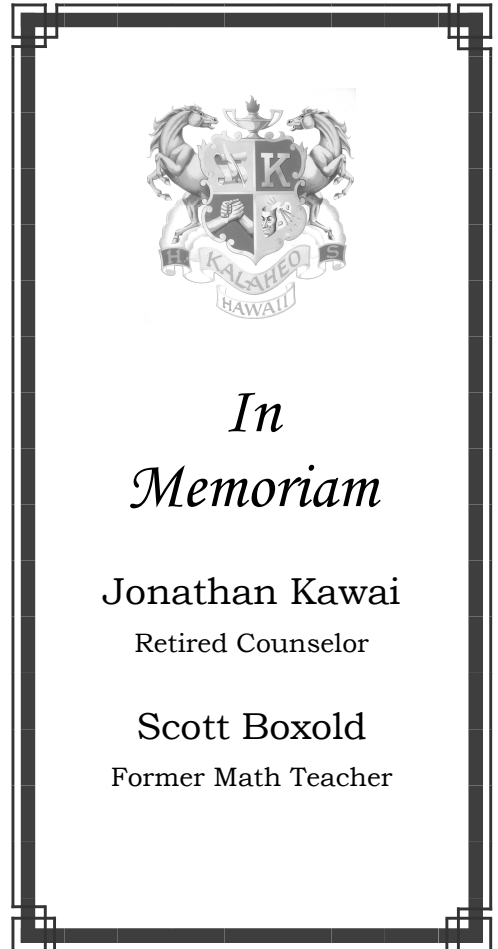
“What did I enjoy most? The kids, of course, with selected faculty parties a close second!”

2009 Retirees

Also honored at the May retirement party were veteran teachers **Lewis Fuddy** and **Kay Johnson** who retired in December 2009. Fuddy taught social studies and coached track. He finished his long Kalāheo tenure as Athletic Director. Early in his career, Fuddy team-taught an Integrated Ninth Grade English/Social Studies Program with Kanda and Robertson. His daughters are Kalāheo alumni. Johnson was a health and physical education teacher who advised numerous classes and events, including May Day programs that required teaching poi ball dancers and organizing other cultural entertainment. Her daughters are also Kalāheo alumni.

Most Recent Retirements

Teacher and Small Learning Communities (SLC) grant coordinator **Becky Kam-Locascio** retired in August 2010. Long-time office clerk **Sandy Young**, who worked literally on the front line, retired in September 2010. If you needed to know, Sandy knew!



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Endowment contributions and the Kalāheo Library's Archive Collection preserve the past and inspire the future

In lieu of lei or monetary gifts, retirees Karen Kanda and Martha Robertson, who are also Foundation board members, asked friends and colleagues to donate to the Kalāheo High School Foundation. As a result, over \$3000 was contributed to the Endowment Fund.

A few years ago, it became clear to all recent retirees that, when they left campus, much of the school's institutional memory would be gone as well. Therefore, establishing the Kalāheo Library Archives Collection became a priority and a personal mission for Robertson, the librarian.

"It won't be long" she says, "before there's a third generation of Kalāheo Mustangs—students seeking not only aunties, uncles, moms and dads in old publications and videos, but also grandmas and grandpas!"

Included in the Archives are yearbooks, student newspapers, graduation videos, class lists, collections of student writing, alumni professional information and publications,

faculty lists and photos, reports and other school documents, the Foundation newsletters, and many other items of historical importance.

The Kalāheo Archives are intended to preserve the school's history and to help present and future students, alumni, school leaders, faculty, and staff take pride in their heritage, learn from the past, and continuously improve the school.

Wanted from Alumni for the Kalāheo Archives

Please contribute information about your personal and professional achievements to the Kalāheo Archives, including resumes, *curricula vitae*, publications by and about (papers, books, articles), press releases, and other such documents.

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