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ALUMNI ON THE JOURNEY HOME



MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT MIKE LATHAM '86

WE WILL STAND

Strong

Outside my office window, Punahou stands in silent beauty. Watching the sun, wind and rain play over the vacant fields, classrooms and libraries of a very quiet campus, I long for the daily sights and sounds of our School. As we comply with government “stay at home” orders and implement a program of distance learning, we miss the annual rituals that bring us together – Holokū Pageant, Junior School May Day Program, spring theatre and musical performances, track meets, volleyball games and alumni gatherings, just to name a few, are all absent. As I write this, in early April, I particularly feel for our senior class. Many of the rites of passage they have looked forward to are impossible to hold amid a coronavirus pandemic, although we still hope to plan a Commencement celebration worthy of their great accomplishments and unity.

While social distancing helps keep us safe, it can also leave us feeling unsettled and isolated. At a moment of anxiety and uncertainty about our health, economy and futures, we long for the companionship and fellowship that inspires, encourages and brings joy to our lives.

I firmly believe, however, that Punahou will meet and emerge from this challenge stronger than ever. Even amid such a disruptive threat, we can still perceive the tremendous energy that makes Ka Punahou, our new spring, such a vibrant and renewing source for us all. At this historical point, we are finding new opportunities to learn, grow and thrive together. Above all, I believe that the current pandemic offers us the chance to reflect on two themes – what a Punahou education should achieve, and what kind of community we wish to create.

We know our students will graduate into a world profoundly different than the one many of us came of age in. Their ability to think, learn and respond to complex, interdisciplinary challenges – drawing knowledge from across multiple fields and collaborating with others to find solutions to complex problems – will be vital. Nothing illustrates this more clearly than the crisis created by COVID-19. While global pandemics aren't new, the outbreak and spread of this disease clearly demonstrate the profoundly interconnected nature of our world. Framing effective responses to global public health challenges like this one, moreover, requires a deeply interdisciplinary approach. Epidemiology, biology and medical knowledge surely come into play, but so too do questions of public policy, education, history and philosophy. What structures for international cooperation are required to generate a more effective and coordinated response to a global crisis like this one? Should governments rely more on new technologies of surveillance and data integration to manage human behavior, or should they pursue campaigns of education to generate more active and engaged responses by diverse populations? What degree of government intervention in the economy might be necessary to ensure that we produce the equipment, facilities and personnel that public health requires? How have we addressed such questions in the past, and what might we learn from those experiences?

There are no easy answers to these questions, but they are precisely the kind of dilemmas that our students will increasingly confront. Whether we are examining questions of global public health, climate change, food security, renewable energy or elementary education, our students will increasingly need to function in a world where their ability to learn from others and make decisions with imperfect information will be essential. Their emotional intelligence, including their resilience, ability to navigate uncertainty and capacity for empathy, will also be crucial as they work in new environments, engage with different cultures and have productive discussions with people they may profoundly disagree with. Our students will require these capacities in a future workplace shaped by major technological changes and economic shifts. They will also need them to respond to challenges in their own lives, as well as those that disrupt our wider social worlds.

A Punahou education, therefore, must enable students to not only acquire knowledge, but it must give them real opportunities to collaborate with others and put their knowledge into action. It must give them space to apply what they learn to authentic, real-world challenges, and go through the process of testing, failing, adapting and growing.

Our Luke Center for Public Service, Case Accelerator for Student Entrepreneurship, Kuaihelani Learning Center, Wo International Center and our Design Technology and Outdoor Education programs have all enabled Punahou to pursue that goal. As our curriculum continues to evolve, and we create new offerings like our Global Sustainability by Design courses, we will create further opportunities for this kind of engaged learning. The current pandemic, I believe, is an invitation to reflect on the key abilities that our students will require in the future, and to move creatively in response.

At Punahou, our heritage also leads us to create a community shaped by a deep sense of social responsibility. The promise of our School, moreover, is so clearly reflected in the people that our graduates become. As the pages of this magazine reveal, our alumni have responded to the pandemic with great courage, creativity and compassion. I think first of the many health care professionals who are working on the front lines to fight the virus. Critical care physicians like Lina Miyakawa '04 have treated patients in New York City alongside nurses and therapists, fighting the disease at one of the hardest hit areas in the United States. Other doctors have mobilized to meet the challenge here at home in Hawai'i, developing the strategy to care for a potentially greater volume of infected patients. Standing directly in harm's way, alumni like these heroically deliver the services we rely on.

Other alumni have stepped up as well. Punahou Trustee Pierre Omidyar '84, and his wife, Pam, launched the Hawai'i Resilience Fund, with additional support from the Hawai'i Community Foundation and several other philanthropies, to support public health and community-based nonprofits at home. Alumni teamed up with their classmates to collect personal protective equipment for medical professionals. Others have responded to the emergency by creating a network of volunteers to deliver orders of groceries and medicine to elderly Hawai'i residents who lack transportation or can't leave their homes. Our alumni have also shared many compelling stories of their ongoing work, and we particularly thank Allen Murabayashi '90 for producing a dynamic series of podcasts capturing these efforts.

Students and teachers have mobilized too. In early February of this year, even while the virus was still predominantly reported in China, Punahou sophomores and twin sisters Annie and Jaime Wang took it upon themselves to raise funds to help health professionals in Wuhan gain access to vital medical supplies. Taryn Loveman, director of design technology and engineering, and his colleagues have used the fabrication equipment and 3D printers in Punahou's labs



President Mike Latham '86 said Punahou will emerge from the crisis with a deeper understanding of our mission, a more profound recognition of our interconnectedness and greater compassion.

create masks and face shields for physicians and nurses at Hawai'i Pacific Health and Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. Other faculty like Mark Noguchi '93 have launched initiatives to ensure that healthy food continues to flow to neighborhoods that lack resources and support.

More widely, the entire Punahou faculty and staff have responded to this challenge with determination, commitment and selfless generosity. Principals Paris Priore-Kim '76 and Emily McCarren have led our faculty with grace, energy and humor as they have shifted from on-campus instruction to distance learning. Our teachers set aside spring break plans to develop new lesson plans and assignments to take full advantage of online platforms. As we have embarked on distance learning in response to the pandemic, we have also sought to learn from the experiences of our students and parents to continually improve it. Our tremendous team in Information Technology worked around the clock to ensure that our systems would be ready for students, faculty, counselors, deans and our entire instructional force. Our physical plant and custodial teams put in long hours cleaning and caring for our campus as well, ensuring that our environment would be safe. Our Trustees and administrators, moreover, began the work of preserving and deepening our commitment to financial aid and access, ensuring that even in financial turmoil, a Punahou education would be available for as many students and families as possible.

As I compose this column, we remain unsure how long this crisis will last, or what additional preventative measures will be required. We don't know how large the human toll will be, or what the economic impact will ultimately amount to. I am certain, however, that Punahou will stand strong. And before long, life will return to awaken this quiet campus. Our students and teachers will fill our halls once more, and music, theatre, art and athletics will flourish here again. Together, we will meet this challenge and emerge from it with a deeper understanding of our mission, a more profound recognition of our interconnectedness and greater degree of compassion for each other. I could not be prouder of our School or more grateful for the chance to work alongside you all.

Mike Latham '86
April 8, 2020

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As an editor, you have to be prepared to shift gears whenever necessary. That certainly became a reality while completing this issue of the Bulletin amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As the crisis unfolded in the United States, the magazine was deep in the works, with the initial lineup of stories written and a final deadline only a few weeks away. Punahou, like schools across the country, soon announced plans for distance learning, and most states, including Hawai'i, imposed lockdowns. During the early days of working from home, a story team at Punahou came together, comprised of colleagues from Communications, Alumni Relations and Development. We began writing stories about alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff who were on the front lines of the pandemic, as well as those rising to help their communities.

Amid this breaking news coverage, the magazine deadline loomed. Fortunately, we already had our cover package on alumni returning home in place. It's a sensitive, poignant collection of stories that I hope resonates with alumni, whether they are away or have come home. We also had shot a beautiful cover photo of ballet dancer Romi Beppu '94 in an emotional, reflective moment. The package still felt appropriate to run, even with the current crisis.

With the Summer Olympics postponed to 2021, we had to set aside a feature on Punahou Olympians. But the bigger issue was ensuring we addressed COVID-19, and reflected the bold, inspiring response among Punahou alumni and others. That's where our story team came in. Their efforts are displayed in the 10 pages of stories we gathered during the early weeks of the crisis. We ran these stories on our Bulletin website, as well as on our social media pages, and the response was gratifying, with an overwhelming abundance of positive engagement from our readers and followers, who rallied around fellow Puns being featured.

If we had more time, we could have filled the entire issue with #PunsUnited stories, as well as pieces about the creative ways teachers and students were accomplishing distance learning. Nevertheless, I hope that what we were able to share reflects the tremendous response of our Punahou family, not just to help their respective communities, but to bond and support each other at a time when it's most needed.

I hope that you are safe, well and find hope and inspiration from this special edition of the Bulletin, which is a true reflection of Puns United.

Sincerely,
Diane Seo '85, Editorial Director



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ON THE COVER

Romi Beppu '94, a former principal dancer with the Boston Ballet, posed for our cover shot at Dillingham Hall. Beppu, the founder of Honolulu Classical Ballet, is one of the alumni featured in the Journey Home story.

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ONE TO WATCH

Shooting for the Stars

Stephanie Yoshida's '21 interest in astronomy dates back to nights she spent as a young girl looking through a telescope in the backyard with her father, a staff scientist at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. "The universe is so big, and we don't know much about it at all," she says. "Just finding out what's out there, figuring out how our Earth got here in the first place, figuring out if there is a possibility of a new Earth, it's just very exciting."

After years of pursuing personal astronomical projects, the Punahou junior has discovered a rare double star system – officially named EPIC251248385. She accomplished this by analyzing data harvested from the now-retired Kepler space telescope and ones on Haleakalā and in Chile.

Her discovery is the culmination of a two-year independent project within the Institute for Astronomy at UH. The system she found is comprised of two white dwarfs – dense planet-sized stars that have collapsed in their final stages of life. These types of stars give scientists insight into Earth's future, five billion years from now, when our sun also becomes a white dwarf.

Her cutting-edge research, published in the Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society, has earned both national and international recognition and awards, including winning second place in the physics and astronomy category at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest international pre-college science competition. Students are selected among millions of candidates who have demonstrated knowledge of science and engineering.

"The most exciting part is that she has discovered something that was previously unknown," says Dan Gaudiano, head of the Academy science department. "She has acquired fundamental new information about the universe, and we now have a better understanding of these types of star systems because of it."

According to Gaudiano, Yoshida's natural sense of curiosity, analytical mind and a comfort with complexity enable her to excel in her research. It's also the potential to discover the unknown that drives Yoshida.

Despite her latest accomplishment, Yoshida's biggest discovery could be yet to come, as she did not originally set out to discover a star system. Her goal was to find a planet orbiting a white dwarf star. If found, it could mean that Earth would survive the aging of our sun.



So far, no white dwarf exoplanets, as they are called, have been found. Yet with Yoshida among the ranks of astronomers across the world combing through multitudes of star chart data, one might soon be uncovered.

"It would be great to have discovered something innovative for mankind, but as long as I did good research, and contributed even a little to the human race, that's all I want," Yoshida says. "I just want to make a difference in the world."

– By Rachel Breitwieser '03

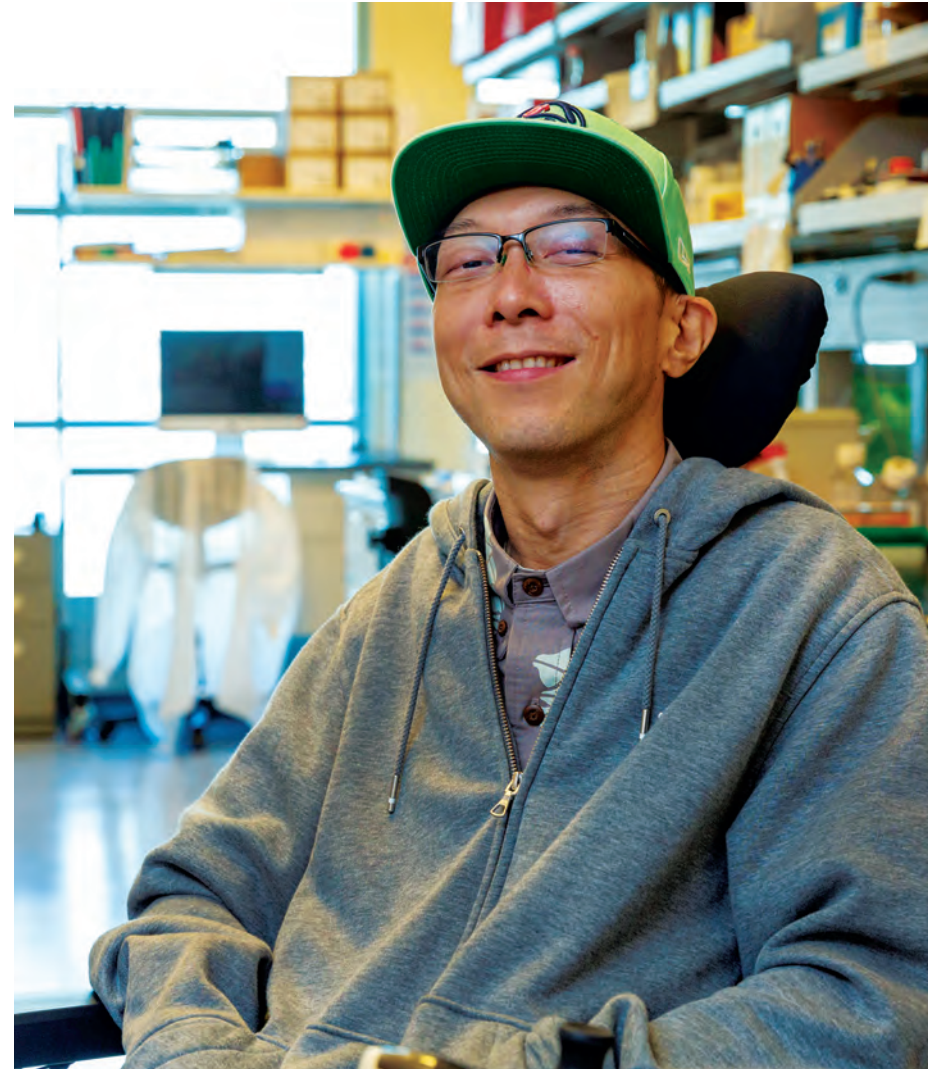


Alumni Across the Country Welcome Latham

Earlier this year, before the COVID-19 crisis intensified across the United States, President Mike Latham '86 traveled to San Francisco, New York City and Washington D.C., meeting with alumni on both coasts. Punahou Alumni Association Northern California (PAANC) hosted a Feb. 25 reception at the Presidio Officers' Club in San Francisco. Four days later, the New York chapter (PAANY) welcomed Latham at a lively reception at the Cornell Club. The city was a familiar stop for Latham, who spent 18 years at Fordham University. On March 1, Punahou Alumni Association Mid-Atlantic (PAAMA) hosted an afternoon reception at the University Club, with Punahou Trustee Steve Case '76 introducing Latham and explaining the exhaustive search that resulted in his selection as president.

ImPROMptu Celebration

Between classes on the last day before spring break, Punahou seniors hosted an impromptu prom at the back of Mamiya Science Center, in anticipation that their prom would not take place. From left, Jade Hagihara, Kate Li, Niki Kirihara, Rachel Orlowski and Audrey Nguyen posed for a photo, before joining classmates for an hour of dancing to music played over portable speakers. Despite the circumstances, seniors were in good spirits as they enjoyed time together as the soon-to-be graduating Class of 2020.



A Reimagined Future

After a body surfing accident paralyzed his arms and legs, Jon Yap '99 said his life and future outlook dramatically shifted. Although just a high school junior at the time, he had a choice either to succumb to the fear or redefine himself. "Imagine living your life a certain way, and then in a single second - it's completely different. Everything changes," Yap said.

Over the next two decades, Yap immersed himself in science, a subject he always enjoyed, but didn't intently pursue until the accident. His hard-fought journey reached a pivotal milestone earlier this year, when he earned his doctoral degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in cell and molecular biology. He's now working at the John A. Burns School of Medicine conducting cardiovascular research. "I didn't know what getting a Ph.D. would entail; I just knew that it was the pinnacle of academia, and I put myself into the mindset that everything will pan out," he said. "That's what I'd like others to get out of my journey - that by navigating the uncertainties of any challenge, we gain a better understanding of what we're capable of."

Yap credits the support from others - particularly his mother - for enabling his journey. "After I got hurt, it's just a whirlwind of emotions - you're changing from a completely independent lifestyle to one that's nearly completely dependent on others," he said. "But my mother was a foundational figure for me. In the early stages of my college education, she was the one driving me back and forth from home to school. Anything I needed help with - she facilitated. I'm thankful for everyone who gave of themselves and made efforts to help me achieve my dreams."

- By Rachel Breitwieser '03

'Singin' in the Rain'

Luke Ellis '20, Kailee Brandt '21 and Kenny Aune '20 were cast as Cosmo Brown, Kathy Selden and Don Lockwood in the Academy's spring musical, "Singin' in the Rain," based on the beloved movie directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen. The day before spring break, knowing the show would likely be canceled due to COVID-19, the cast and crew put on a stunning sneak peek worthy of Broadway for a small group of parents, friends, faculty and staff with uplifting songs, stellar acting and lively tap dancing.





This page: Eliza Leineweber '92 Lathrop pets one of her dwarf dairy goats at her urban farm in Mānoa. Opposite page: Lathrop with one of her six chickens.

IN GOOD COMPANY

Conversations with staff, faculty and employees, beyond their jobs

Eliza Leineweber '92 Lathrop K – 12 garden resource teacher

Eliza Leineweber '92 Lathrop teaches students from kindergarten through the Academy not just how to garden and care for plants, but to connect in deeper ways to nature and Hawai'i. As the School's garden resource teacher, she works with students in outdoor classrooms and oversees a flourishing garden next to Griffiths Hall. She also runs the School's beekeeping program, teaches American literature and hopes to develop an animal husbandry program on campus. At home, Lathrop maintains a robust vegetable and herb garden of her own. She also has six chickens, two dwarf dairy goats, an apiary with 40,000 bees and two dogs.

Tell us about the garden and farm at your home.

I built my house directly behind my parents' house in Mānoa and created a little urban farm. In the garden, I grow kale, radishes, beans, a lot of herbs. I have tons of basil, as well as cilantro, parsley and sage. I have all the basic herbs. I also have lettuces, like arugula and spicy lettuce. I cook with all of them and pickle the vegetables.

I've always grown things and planted things, and when I went to Cornell, although I was getting my degree in American Studies, I took horticulture, botany, farm animal husbandry and farm construction in the ag school. I always had this little fantasy that I would run a dairy farm one day. Over the years, there has been lots of trial and error. That's what I love about gardening is that you always get that chance to try again and learn from your mistakes. You probably learn more from your mistakes than you do your successes.

How did you learn how to care for farm animals?

Even when I lived in Virginia, I always kept chickens, way before everyone had chickens. This tipped me into animal husbandry and just thinking about animals beyond pets. I've always wanted to explore what role animals play in our everyday existence, and I started with the chickens, which led to bees. The best way to become a beekeeper is to find a beekeeper who's willing to teach you, and Scott Nikaido (with the University of Hawai'i Honeybee Project) became a valuable mentor when we started up the Punahou apiary. He walked us through all the issues that can happen in Hawai'i with keeping bees.

Do your animals produce food for your family?

The bees produce honey and the chickens lay eggs. I've gotten an egg a day from each female for about three years. It's probably one of the easiest ways to feed your family because you get plenty of eggs with two chickens for a family of four. The goats are Nigerian dwarf dairy goats. We brought them from Oregon, because we wanted to have a really good milking line, so they're not just meat goats. They each produce eight cups of milk a day, four cups in the morning and four at night. When I get excess, I make cheese and yogurt and share it with friends and family.



What does cheese making entail?

For the cheeses, I use a mesophilic culture, which is a warm temperature bacteria culture. You usually need to use that when you're doing an aged cheese. You use different cultures for different styles of cheese. Most of the cheese making I've learned is through reading books and trial and error. I've also done a couple of internships with different cheese makers. Part of my recent sabbatical was spent on the farm of one of my really good friends. She's an award-winning Virginia cheese maker. I spent a month helping her run a series of cheese camps for kids, teaching them about the sources of their food and how to make cheese. That's what I'm hoping to be able to bring back to Punahou. I was also in Waldoboro, Maine, studying schools that have farm programs or animal husbandry, along with gardening, as part of their curriculum. It was fascinating to see how the kids connected to both the land, natural resources and food systems.

Punahou is considering having goats on Rocky Hill to eat the grass surrounding PV panels that might be installed there. Would you be involved with that project, teaching children how to care for the goats?

Yes, it would help them develop a connection with animals. If we can bring that to campus, it will help kids move beyond their own selves and think about their responsibilities, not just to the community of people, but to a broader community of land and resources. The whole magic of urban farming is having a chance on a daily basis to interact with your sources of food. I don't think our kids have that opportunity very much.

It's great that you found a personal passion that ties into your work at Punahou.

The garden is my joy, and I love sharing that joy with the kids. It's unique that Punahou can offer them that opportunity, and I love that we do it in the Academy too. You can see these high school students relax and just open up in a really beautiful way when they're in the garden.

– By Diane Seo '85

Third-Grade Lū'au

Punahou's annual lū'au took place the day before spring break, with members of the Class of 2029 enjoying Hawaiian foods they harvested and playing various makahiki games. The children relished their time in the lush outdoors at the Sidney and Minnie Kosasa Community for Grades 2–5, as they celebrated Hawaiian culture – a focus of the third-grade curriculum.

Photo by Kathleen Connelly



#PunsUnited

Amid the global COVID-19 pandemic, Punahou alumni, students, faculty and staff, parents and donors have risen across the world to assist their communities. Whether they are doctors on the front line, business leaders or community volunteers, Puns have demonstrated courage, generosity, ingenuity and most of all, genuine heart. Here are some of their stories:

EDITOR'S NOTE:
We know there have been countless heroes among our Punahou family during this crisis. Please see our full lineup of #PunsUnited coverage at bulletin.punahou.edu.

PUNAHOU PRODUCES 3D-PRINTED PPE



Using Punahou's 3D printers, faculty and staff worked around the clock to ramp up production on personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers. Since mid-March, the team has produced thousands of reusable N95 masks, face shields and other equipment for local hospitals. Taryn Loveman, director of Punahou's Design Technology and Engineering department, and faculty member Bobby Izuta '09 have optimized the D. Kenneth Richardson '48 Learning Lab, the Mau/Stone Design and Engineering Lab and other labs on campus for mass production. Now that raw materials have been sourced and designs refined and tested in hospitals, the group is producing as much equipment as they can. "We can create 22 masks every four to five hours on the 3D printers, so that's about 50 to 60 items we can make per day," Loveman said.

In addition to tackling the shortage of PPE, Izuta is working to address the ventilator shortage. He recently submitted a design for an affordable and easily manufactured ventilator to engineers and the medical community, as part of a design challenge put out by the U.S. Department of Defense. The team plans to produce equipment for the foreseeable future, until the medical supply industry can catch up with demand. "We are doing everything we can to use our facilities to help our community at this time," Loveman said.

— By Rachel Breitwieser '03

ANSWERING THE CALL



"My son, my 13-year-old, had made a comment. He said: 'Hey dad, are you going to work today?' And I said, 'No, not today kiddo. I am staying at home.' And he was visibly relieved and said, 'Oh that's good.' And I realized he's worried about this too. So I paused and I told him, 'Listen, when it comes to be your turn to make a difference in this world, I hope that you answer that call. When it's your time, I hope you rise to the occasion.' If there's anything that we can all hope for our children in uncertain times and scary times like this, I think it is that we hope that we will be good examples for them no matter what happens. Come what may."

— Jason Fleming '94, emergency physician and medical director at Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu

ON THE FRONT LINE IN NEW YORK



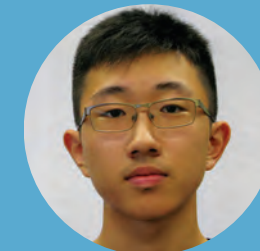
"It's really great that there's this outpouring of support toward physicians and health care workers... Unfortunately, we are at the highest risk [of getting COVID-19] by doing these really high-risk procedures. Do I think that I already have it? Possibly. I could be an asymptomatic carrier. Maybe I had a mild case of the disease, and I'm over it now – I don't know. But that is the assumption among all of us. But when it's an emergency situation and I need to think clearly in that moment in time – that's the best time for me. And I think it's right now. So mentally I'm doing great. I am prepared."

— Lina Miyakawa '04, pulmonary and critical care physician at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, who has been on the front line of the COVID-19 crisis, treating critically ill patients since the early days of the outbreak



STUDENT VOICES ON COVID-19

By Noelle Nakaoka '20



Punahou Academy students share their perspectives

"In Mandarin, 危机 means crisis. However, one can also use the second character in crisis to write 机会, which means opportunity. Therefore, the Chinese often say that from crisis comes opportunity. Who better to make that happen than the changemakers present in the younger generation?"

— Ryan Kong '20



"Students are sacrificing important events and activities for the greater good, providing an opportunity to practice being flexible in hard times."

— Olivia Wedemeyer '21



"Regardless of whether younger people are asymptomatic, we have a moral obligation to reduce social contact in order to lessen the possibility of infecting others who face fatal consequences from COVID-19. Oftentimes, individuals must make sacrifices to facilitate communal benefits."

— Sascha Pakravan '22

Listen to our Podcasts!

A team, led by Allen Murabayashi '90, produced several podcasts, interviewing doctors Jason Fleming '94, Lina Miyakawa '04 and others during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit bulletin.punahou.edu/category/podcasts to hear the interviews.





DELIVERING ALOHA

Mark Noguchi '93 stepped up amid the COVID-19 crisis to do as he has long done – to help those in need. With Hawai'i's restaurants closing their dining rooms, thousands of pounds of food has been shuttled to Aloha Harvest, which collects and redistributes food to Hawai'i's hungry. Pili Group, headed by Noguchi and his wife, Amanda Corby, cultivated a partnership with Pacific Gateway Center, acting as the hub of food distribution. They partnered with chefs and restaurateurs looking to support the community. "Our team breaks down the donations into manageable-sized deliveries to other organizations already cooking," said chef Noguchi, who works as Punahou's food curriculum specialist.

– By Diane Seo '85

REACHING OUT TO KŪPUNA

To help kūpuna and other at-risk individuals retrieve food, medicine and supplies, Honolulu attorney Greg Kim '75 launched a nonprofit organization, Help Is On The Way, with assistance from Jennifer Latham (wife of Punahou President Mike Latham '86), and faculty members Ahnya Chang '97 and Rachel Lau '81. The volunteers deliver food and goods to the elderly, health care workers, families, high-risk individuals, those in quarantine and any others who should remain indoors. "We are spreading aloha with this service," said Kim, who is married to Punahou Junior School Principal Paris Priore-Kim '76. "We're not just delivery drivers. We're offering a friendly voice on the line and a wave from the driveway, along with the things our people need. We know we are representing the face of Hawai'i."

– By Tara Olney

ALUMNUS LEADS EFFORT IN OREGON



In Hood River, Oregon – an hour from Portland – real estate agent and former professional windsurfer Maui Meyer '83 heard that area hospitals and senior citizen facilities were running low on critical personal protective equipment (PPE), so he quickly started making calls. Fifty hours later, Meyer – Hood River County's former commissioner – had the monetary donations and commitments from local kayaking and windsurfing suppliers to produce homemade PPE. With the donations and materials for his newly formed nonprofit, Hand Made Brigade 50 (HMB50), he prototyped a single-use, emergency isolation gown that he hoped could protect health care workers from airborne COVID-19 droplets. Early versions were made from shower curtains and tablecloths before the brigade settled on a final version made with water-resistant and tear-resistant Tyvek. Another local company, Sailworks, stopped production of windsurfing equipment and started making monofilm face shields with foam headbands for distribution by HMB50.

– By Erin Teruya '93 Kinney

AMPLE SUPPLY OF PPE HEADING TO HAWAII, THANKS TO THREE ALUMNI

Robin Chan '95 has spearheaded a heroic effort that resulted in an ample supply of desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to get to Hawai'i. He did that after serendipitously tapping his Punahou connections, including Hawai'i Deputy Director of Health Cathy Ross '95 and State Purchasing Specialist Shannon Ota '00. "The Punahou network has allowed us to come together to help Hawai'i," Chan said. "Truly, the power of the Punahou 'ohana has allowed us to execute this. I think this shipment of masks will significantly help Hawai'i in this fight, but more needs to be done. It's a long road ahead."

Based in San Francisco, Chan is the general partner and founder of Goat Capital, with experience scaling such global companies as Twitter and Uber. After learning of the shortage of PPE in U.S. hospitals, Chan channeled a supply of medical equipment direct from factories in China through his Operation Masks organization. Chan launched the nonprofit with friends and entrepreneurs with backgrounds in health care, technology and logistics, and the organization has since channeled significant supplies of PPE, directly matching producers to consumers, as well as connecting overseas suppliers with available inventory to medical facilities. Their efforts are disrupting current supply chains, removing the need for medical supply middlemen and circumventing price wars over bottlenecked goods.

The organization has secured the purchase of millions of masks for states across the country, including Hawai'i. As soon as Chan saw the potential impact of Operation Masks, his thoughts turned to his home. He knew Hawai'i, with its size and relatively low buying power, would have difficulty securing adequate PPE to combat the virus' outbreak in the Islands. He reached out to his Punahou classmates via his class Facebook page and asked, "Does anyone have a connection in the Department of Health?"

Chan's friends recommended the perfect person – classmate Cathy Ross, who has been focused on the State's COVID-19 response. "Larger markets for medical supplies were just beating us to every purchase," Ross said. "Cities like New York, with their budget and size, can place a million-dollar order without much worry. Here in Hawai'i, we simply don't have that buying power, and we would be devastated if the masks turned out to be counterfeit or the deal fell through. That's where Operation Masks came in for us. Robin and his team were able to use their connections and leverage to not only secure a deal for us, but personally verify the quality and set favorable terms for us."

Ross turned to the Hawai'i State Procurement Office (SPO) to get the deal done. Shannon Ota said the crisis had already been forcing her department to think outside the box. "My colleagues and I had been scouring the earth, leaving no stone unturned, to find PPE to supply front-line health care workers and first responders across the State of Hawai'i," she said. "When the information from Cathy came in about a local boy with a line on masks, I was able to learn of fellow alumni Chan and work with him. My department has really stepped outside our normal boundaries so we can keep a handle on all the needs of the State."

Together, the trio was able to swiftly place one of the first orders of critically needed masks through Operation Masks. "We are so unbelievably relieved to have their support," Ross said.

The trio noted the ease and speed at which they were able to bring Hawai'i's order to fruition. "Right after we closed this unusual deal at record speed, Robin sent me the following text: '#thepowerofpunahoueducation' and though it may sound corny, it's true," Ross said.

– By Tara Olney

SCHOOL SENDS TRAYS AND MASKS TO DOE



Through the efforts of Punahou Director of Food Services Marcia Barrett '74 Wright and Carnival Coordinator Taryn Yano '99 Kabei, 5,500 take-out containers were donated to Hawai'i public schools (Department of Education), and more than 80 masks were donated to Kapi'olani Medical Center.

MĀLAMA MEALS PROVIDES FOOD AMID CRISIS



After the COVID-19 crisis forced restaurants to close their dine-in operations, Aloha Beer Company partner Dave Campbell '85 transformed his and other businesses into community outreach centers. "After talking with a partner of ours – Da Spot – an idea was born – to use our existing food production facilities, food and delivery resources to help ensure that kupuna and others who might have trouble getting necessary meals in these trying times are covered," Campbell said. Aloha Beer Company, Da Spot Health Foods & Juices, BlueWater Shrimp and the City and County of Honolulu formed a nonprofit, Mālama Meals, which provides food to communities in need or at risk by distributing meals and supplies prepared under strict health and safety protocols. Along with serving free meals to O'ahu residents, the group has kept food industry workers employed.

– By Tara Olney

PUNAHOU BROTHERS ASSIST BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19



As a way to help Hawai'i businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Punahou family with talents and expertise in employment law, human resources and technology launched free webinars to share valuable information about the federal CARES Act, a \$2 trillion economic relief package passed by Congress and President Trump.

Knowing the devastating impact the crisis is having on local businesses, employment attorney Darin Leong '95 and his brother, Evan Leong '91, a business consultant, decided to spread the word about available resources by initiating a webinar with Jane Sawyer, Hawai'i district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Stacey Katakura, president of the Honolulu outsourced accounting firm, Accumulus, which works with small- to mid-sized companies. The response was so strong, it quickly reached maximum capacity, and prompted the Leongs to plan future sessions. "Congress provided a huge financial lifeline to businesses, essentially paying for two months of payroll and some rent if conditions are met," Darin said. "We're just trying to get the word out."

– By Erin Teruya '93 Kinney



OMIDYARS DONATE \$1M TO COVID-19 EFFORT

As the number of cases of COVID-19 began to rise in Hawai'i, Punahou Trustee Pierre Omidyar '84 and his wife, Pam, recognized a community need and jumped in to help. With a \$1 million donation that was matched by Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), the Omidyars created the Hawai'i Resilience Fund to address the impact of the COVID-19 in the state. An additional \$500,000 from the Stupski Foundation brought the total to \$2.5 million in initial funds. The public health sector and community-based nonprofits are first in line to receive support. According to Hawai'i Community Foundation, the Fund will "protect health care workers on the front lines who are playing a critical role in testing and screening. The Fund will also expand regional test sites and screenings, and support self-quarantine measures, such as home visits and distribution of food supplies to populations disproportionately impacted by the outbreak."

– By Erin Teruya '93 Kinney



WORKING AMID THE UNKNOWN

"I was always interested in bio and health sciences, and I thought nursing was a good culmination of helping people directly and also putting science as part of my career. I'm just honestly wondering how long this will continue. My unit, at this point it's half COVID-positive, but I'm pretty sure soon within the next week or two, we're going to just be a full-on COVID unit. You want to be well-protected, just because you don't know how it really is transmitted. There's not enough data. I'm not as anxious as far as catching COVID, but just the unknown is scary to me."

– Alison Kamikawa '12, a registered nurse at New York University Hospital in New York City. Although less than a year into her first year as a nurse, she's been at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis in New York City, treating critically ill patients since the early days of the outbreak.

PUNAHOU BROTHERS LEND SUPPORT

"We've been closely following the COVID-19 situation even before the virus reached the U.S., because we have family members living in China. When the first case was confirmed in Hawai'i, we were afraid that our Island might be short of medical appliances, and thus be underprepared, so we began working with our relatives in China to help the cause. Among those working with us are our uncle, our cousin and several of our parents' friends. They spent a lot of time securing reliable suppliers and shipping companies in China, while we tried to get in contact with officials here who could help distribute the supplies to hospitals. In addition to standard medical masks, our family is also donating KN95 masks, safety goggles, as well as protective suits. We have already given masks to Hui Aloha, a local homeless advocacy group, and some of our friends who need them, and we hope that what we are doing can really help our community and turn the tide on the fight against the coronavirus on our Island."

– By Shen Yang '21 and Hu Yang '21





FINDING COURAGE IN MASSACHUSETTS

“I am a hospitalist at a community hospital about two hours west of Boston. I am the associate chief and hospitalist director. I treated the first confirmed case in the Worcester area. It seemed a bit weird that the first case wasn't in a big academic center, but I think this is an important reality – this virus is spreading to every community. We are preparing the best we can, conserving and reusing masks and gloves. As a doctor, I am ready to put myself in harm's way, but as a mother, I am terrified that I could bring COVID-19 home or leave my children orphans. Even though I am far from Hawai'i, the lessons I learned there about finding courage and living with aloha helps. I am so glad to have the opportunity to reconnect with our Punahou 'ohana. Let's go buff 'n blue. (I laugh that I am still wearing those colors!)”

– By Tai Fyrberg '91 Temple

YOUNG ALUMNI OFFER FREE TUTORING

During the COVID-19 crisis, two young alumni from the Class of 2019 – Ryan Park and Chloe Loughridge – started a free online tutoring service to help high school juniors and seniors prepare for Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Loughridge, who attends Harvard University, and Park, a Stanford University freshman and one of the country's 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars, knew with AP exams on the horizon, Punahou and other students in the community might need help preparing for the various tests, which will take place this year online. So they launched, Aloha Not Corona (alohanotcorona.org), offering high-quality, virtual tutoring. At the start, some 20 tutors came on board, and the group began pairing tutors and students for 30-minute virtual sessions. Park and Loughridge coordinated the effort by asking fellow Punahou alumni home from college to volunteer as tutors. Aloha Not Corona services will be offered first to Punahou students. But Park and Loughridge hope to attract enough tutors to make services available more broadly to other schools and even middle-school students. The enterprising duo were supported in the planning phase by the Luke Center for Public Service staff and their former deans, Erin Maretzki '89 and Deane Salter '98.

– By Suzanne Sato '67

Aloha Not Corona aims to build a platform that invites YOU to share your Aloha with Hawaii

Have an idea, suggestion, want to help? Email outreach@alohanotcorona.org



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Harvard '23



Ryan P.
Stanford '23

DISTANCE LEARNING AT PUNAHOU

On April 1, just days before our Bulletin deadline, Punahou students at all grade levels began distance learning. Starting with the first week, teachers and administrators adapted quickly and creatively to continue instruction, utilizing various online tools to communicate and stay connected.



In one early example, Eliza Leineweber '92 Lathrop, the K – 12 garden resource teacher, tended to the School's gardens and apiary, teaching students about botany, pruning, harvesting, beekeeping and more, through virtual sessions. “The sixth graders especially had worked hard to get their garden to a beautifully cultivated state, and I didn't want them to feel that it had disappeared or didn't have meaning anymore,” said Lathrop, who is also an Academy English teacher. In another lesson, Lathrop and Mark Noguchi '93, Punahou's food curriculum specialist, incorporated green beans into a culinary chemistry lesson for Academy students. “It's important for students to still pay attention to nature, even if it's just these small touches through video, so the kids know that the garden spaces have not forgotten them,” Lathrop said.



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Meanwhile, Academy English teacher David Ball had students work on individual projects of their own choosing. “Even given all the disruptions in our lives right now, I'm so excited to see what ideas and images emerge out of this moment, and to use the lessons of this experience to improve – and better appreciate – the unique learning opportunities of the physical classroom,” he said. “I'm convinced we'll get through this together, having learned a great deal about ourselves in the process, and creating some amazing things along the way.”

HE LEO ALOHA

The Hawaiian language faculty at Punahou also relayed a message for students during the time away from campus. Here is the English translation of their note:

“These are unprecedented times. Around the world, as well as for us here in Hawai'i, we have the opportunity to become familiar again with our homes. Due to the coronavirus, we are unable to physically be together and are learning to do school online. Although we are apart physically, our deep connection and support for one another has not diminished. In joining together in cooperation, and with the help of technology, we will finish this school year with strength. Through the determination we each exemplify, our work will continue and be fueled by our sincere and enduring aloha.”



Top: Kindergartner Ka'imipono Mineshima-Eldredge at work at home on his journal. Middle: Mila Becker '21 connects with her advisory on the first day of distance learning. Bottom: Hawaiian language faculty member Emma McGuire '93 shares a message with students.

TORI RICHARD OFFERS FREE MASKS



Josh Feldman '91, CEO of Honolulu-based resort wear brand Tori Richard, has spearheaded an effort to provide thousands of free fabric masks to the public. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Feldman wondered how his company could provide support during the crisis. While the effectiveness of fabric masks was at first unclear, the Centers for Disease Control earlier this month released new guidelines, promoting the use of fabric masks for all individuals. Feldman then jumped into action, and Tori Richard immediately began producing colorful masks made from their own popular cotton fabrics. The company decided to give them away for free, asking just a single dollar for shipping in return. "It's time to go big. Not just for us, but all of us. Together," Feldman said. "So we have made a critical decision. We will not be selling these masks. The cost to make them is very low, and we certainly have plenty of fabric on hand. It just didn't feel right to us to charge for these. We are providing them at no charge in sets of four, but we ask everyone limit themselves to a single order. Share the aloha by leaving enough for others."

Feldman quickly assembled previously furloughed team members based in Hawai'i, and began producing the fabric masks, with many local sewers working in their own living rooms. The initial 6,500 masks have already sold out, and the company committed to making another 50,000 masks overseas.

—By Tara Olney

SEAN NELSON '99: LIFE WITH COVID-19 IN ITALY

Sean Nelson '99 has made Italy his home on and off for more than 10 years. He is an art history professor at Syracuse University in Florence, and was the guide for Punahou Alumni Travel's tour to Italy in 2017. He lives in Florence with his wife and toddler son. Although he wasn't officially tested for COVID-19, he suspects he may have been infected with the virus and recovered.

"I initially got sick around the first week of March, at the very beginning of the official quarantine that shut down all of Italy. While I have mostly recovered, aspects of the illness remained for several weeks – a sore throat in the morning and some tightness in the chest that developed later. The onset of the illness was very quick. It came on much like a flu, with an elevated temperature and chills. The first stage passed in about a day. This was followed by a dry cough. I recovered from the cough within a week and was back up and around with minimal time spent in bed. Later, a tightness in my chest followed but also passed with a little rest. The official directive from the Italian Ministry of Health has been that only those who have trouble breathing or are in grave condition should be tested, given the lack of kits and medical personnel. Instead we have been instructed to consult our family doctor, who has been ordered to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. After speaking with her, she concluded that it was best if I stay at home and maintain a self-quarantine. After the onset of my illness, my family did not leave our home for almost 18 days.

My son just had his fourth birthday and our neighbors in our apartment complex sang to him from their terraces and hallways. A simple event like a toddler's birthday party now has the potential to unify in a way that it never did before ... Our neighbors even managed to get him gifts from a local grocery store, which was a real surprise given the circumstances. The other day, however, he begged to go outside, and it was challenging to explain to him how radically the world has changed in such a short amount of time. A month ago, we walked to the park regularly, saw his friends nearly every day, and now, he has not been outside in nearly three weeks."



Above: Sean Nelson '99 served as the guide for Punahou Alumni Travel's tour to Italy in 2017.

BOB TAM'S '67 MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Faculty member Bob Tam '67 wrote a message to his sixth grade students as Punahou began distance learning for the first time in the School's history.

More than anything, our days so far have let me know that when the chips are down, the human spirit rises. And the chips are certainly down. We teachers spent almost all of spring "break" preparing for our launch into online teaching. Administrators were clear with us that we should take a rest from the teaching world, but I don't know anybody who did. We attended online classes, tried out new technology and re-wrote our curriculum for the rest of the year. We anticipated every sort of technical glitch and student confusion imaginable when we started up on April 1 – the cruelest April Fools joke ever. We had digital tools that worked with few problems, and you students helped us through so many situations:

"Mr. Tam, if you go to the 'Participants' menu you can Mute All." *Thanks Parker.*

"Mr. Tam, I got an email from Tiffany; she's trying to join the meeting and is going to log out and log back in." *Okay, thanks Sofia. Oh, hi Tiffany.*

On and off WebEx, you have accepted the transitions from physical to virtual spaces. I liked the assignment where you created an Andy Goldsworthy-like sculpture, inside or outside, and took a picture of it. Forty-five minutes later, we had a creative gallery of artwork using "found" materials from playing cards and pencils, to leaves, rocks and flowers. Unlike you, however, I am tethered to my computer all day, from seven in the morning until 11 at night with breaks for meals and exercise. I am endlessly tap, tap, tapping at the keys to write a lesson, an assignment, an announcement, an email, learning to use Webex and Canvas and anticipate your questions. But it's been worth it seeing your engagement and good spirits. I love laughing with you again and having you share your thoughts and screens, and I love being able to 'mute' you with a single click.

See, we haven't changed that much. The best part of all is knowing that the partnership we built in the classroom continues in this new environment. We can distract our minds from the pestilence lurking outside by carrying on in our own world of academia. We are like characters in some dream book; we can give ourselves courage, but the plot is being provided by forces beyond our control. I'm glad to be able to write the next chapter with you.

Sincerely, Mr. Tam



Above: Bob Tam '67, a sixth grade teacher at Case Middle School, connects with his students via WebEx.

DISTANCE LEARNING: CREATING CONNECTIONS



"I teach English 1, both Poetry/Drama and Novel/Short Story, and my goal for our distance learning is to maintain and nurture the connections I developed during the first half of the semester. I will continue to work individually with the students, facilitate their work with each other, foster their understanding of texts and help them to see the broader applications for the study of literature. Along with ensuring my connection to the students remains strong, it is equally important for them to continue collaborating with each other; therefore, they will meet online in small discussion groups, maintaining an exceptional learning community of individuals who contribute thoughtful insights, authentic curiosity, and genuine good will. This work they do together in groups is one of the most powerful drivers of their learning. This moment in time presents challenges but also an opportunity to transfer their learning to the real world through activities like one I titled, 'The Gift of a Poem.' This assignment asks the students to identify someone who might be feeling isolated and who could benefit from a human connection; select a poem to share; and recite it to the person, an exercise in public speaking and empathy. I hope to encourage their understanding of the power of literature and their own capacity to make a positive impact on others, even from a distance."

—By Candace Kodani '92 Cheever, Academy English teacher

The Journey Home

Many Punahou alumni wonder how they can return to Hawai'i, and make it work



A view of the Punahou campus from atop Rocky Hill

BY MARITAKETA

It's the weather that calls us back – or the surf, or the Islands' gorgeous blues and greens, the aloha spirit, the laid-back lifestyle. The food, of course. And family. That's always the clincher, especially in a world of unknowns and social distancing, where the need to be close to those you love is exponentially more powerful.

From Boston to San Francisco and Tokyo to Dubai, the yearning for home is a familiar one. At some point, for many, it crystallizes into a need, and the questions become real. How to find a job and housing? In a place where a 50-year-old fixer-upper sells for over \$1 million, is moving back even feasible?

The equation is complicated for Punahou alumni. Reared to dream big, offer their talents to the world and fulfill their potential, the overwhelming majority leave the state for college – 92% of the Class of 2019, in fact. Many will stay away for grad school and careers in bigger cities. Many will start families and put down roots far away.

The Journey Home

But then the calling comes. It could be external – a need to care for family members. But often, it's something deeper pulling Hawai'i natives back to the Islands. "We know many alumni are looking for ways to come home, whether it's now or sometime in the future," says Doug Rigg '84, Punahou's director of Alumni Relations. "Hawai'i will always be our home, no matter how many years we've been away. So many of us are deeply connected to our families, friends, Punahou and Hawai'i. At some point, we can't help but wonder how to make our way back."

The journey back, however, is filled with complexities considering Hawai'i's geographic isolation, staggering cost of living and somewhat limited career opportunities for both alumni and their spouses. When alumni decide to return, their biggest advantages are often their rich work experiences, since many have soared in their individual professions, and their well-connected Punahou network.

For Gregg Yamauchi '04 it was a chance meeting at a Punahou pau hana that led to the job in finance that brought him home from Los Angeles. His wife, Chelsea Chun '03, found her job as an associate attorney on Punahou Connect, a job network organized by Punahou Alumni Association (PAA). But other factors can narrow options for would-be returnees. Many want to give their children the same supportive, immersive buff 'n blue education they grew up with. For families who uproot lives to move back for this, the choice of schools is often Punahou or nothing – and when things don't work according to plan, some end up uprooting a second time and leaving Hawai'i again.

Punahou for Our Children

Punahou's draw is so compelling that when kids do get accepted, there's sometimes an extraordinary cost. Allen Murabayashi '90, co-chair of Punahou Alumni Association's New York chapter (PAANY), knows a venture capitalist classmate who moved his family to Hawai'i and then, with two children accepted to Punahou, began commuting from his job in Vietnam's emerging market. Cass Nakasone '86 talks of his classmate, an academic at a leading West Coast university, who flies home on weekends to see her Punahou-enrolled children. "Talk about sacrifice. It's incredible what people have done to try to get back to Punahou," Nakasone says. "I came from public school. I came to Punahou in ninth grade. The older I get, the more I realize it's such an incredible school."

Others come up against a built-in irony of Punahou's culture of success: They do so well they outgrow the Hawai'i market. There are no companies or organizations of comparable size in their fields, or their fields don't exist in Hawai'i. And their big-city earnings can weirdly turn into drawbacks, since they sometimes fuel lifestyles that in Hawai'i are reserved for the super wealthy. That means those who move back anyway have to fundamentally want to, since the cost of living is almost always higher and compensation packages are sometimes half of what they're used to.

"It adds a layer of complexity to the equation," says Murabayashi, a tech entrepreneur who co-founded the photography archiving platform, Photoshelter. "Ultimately, for a lot of people, the challenge is finding a similar job at a commensurate pay level back in Hawai'i, particularly for people that have come from a tech background. We have a bunch of people working at Facebook or Google or Instagram, and there's nothing in Hawai'i on the scale of what they're doing in New York or Silicon Valley. And if you're a multimedia producer and you came from Vox or MSNBC, what job exists where you can do that type of work in Hawai'i?"

Lured by Hawai'i's Quality of Life

These questions come up as Murabayashi helps organize his chapter's Spam musubi-making event every fall and a miniaturized version of Carnival – complete with malasadas, Portuguese bean soup and other favorites – on the same February weekend in New York City. At 48, he notices more the sub-freezing temperatures and 4:30 p.m. sunsets in winter, and is keenly aware that at the same hour back home, people are leaving their offices to jog around Kapi'olani Park.

"I've talked to a number of alumni who have young children and very successful careers in different industries and have expressed an interest in moving back," he says. "There's a familiarity to Hawai'i and a quality of life that's difficult to find anywhere else. There isn't this (mentality of) we have to work constantly. People are willing to stop work at 5 or surf dawn patrol. You just don't have that opportunity in New York or many other places. When you get to people who are my age, some of my classmates say my parents need me to be there, or simply I want to be with my folks in the last decade or two of their life."

The Recruiter

In Washington, D.C., where Lilian Yip '92 Yang co-chairs the PAA Mid-Atlantic chapter, transitioning home is a frequent topic at speaker panels. Like New York, the D.C. area is a magnet for high achievers, and Yang sees similar patterns of alumni moving home at different stages of their careers. Yang is in the category of expats who worry about aging parents. It's a topic she's been talking about with her best friend from Punahou, an attorney in Ohio whose widowed mother is in her 80s. Yang's friend is an only child, but with her own children in primary and middle school in Columbus, a move to Hawai'i is not an option. Nor is it for Yang, a senior branch administrator at the National Institutes of Health, whose husband holds a high-level job at the Department of Justice. She's grateful that her sister, Angela Yip '96 King, lives in Honolulu near their parents. "It's always on the top of mind for folks from Hawai'i – that it would be nice if I could move back," Yang says. "But then there's the reality that sets in because it doesn't make sense."

Things are more fluid on the West Coast, where two- and three-hour time differences and relatively short transpacific flights make coming home less of an ordeal than an 11-hour direct from JFK to Honolulu. It's also the case that many graduates who head to college in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle know from the outset they'll return to Hawai'i eventually. So it's not surprising that in the Bay Area, the topic of the panel discussion Steve Marzo '07 is organizing for PAA Northern California is tips for moving back to Hawai'i.

Everyone's Having the Conversation

The path home may be more obvious for doctors and commercial real estate investment specialists; not so much for those in finance or biotech. "This is definitely a conversation you have at every Punahou alumni event," Marzo says. "I've talked to a fair amount of folks who would like to move back to Hawai'i and start their own business, but have no idea where to start. There's definitely a knowledge gap."

So how do Punahou graduates find their way home? How do they make it work? And how can they make it easier for the next generation of kids who will grow up, move away and yearn to come home?

Distance between Hawai'i and the far-flung places alumni end up in isn't measured only in miles. There's time – the years since graduation that have changed the landscape of living, working and raising children in the Islands. And there are social connections that wear thin and disappear as people create lives in new places.



Few know more about this than Tahnee Allman '08 Towill. The founder of local boutique firm HIVE Recruiting, she's a C-suite specialist who gets frequent inquiries from expat kama'aina who want to come home. "The Hawai'i market is always looking for talented people, especially with a connection to the Islands. A lot of employers here are a little bit reluctant to relocate candidates from the mainland if they don't have really strong Hawai'i ties," she says. "With the environment of the job market, companies are really looking for Punahou graduates that have experience on the mainland and want to come back."

Tips for the Transition

No. 1 Stay Relevant

Use your Punahou connections to stay in touch. Sign up for alumni events on the mainland. Check out Punahou happenings during visits home, volunteer at a local nonprofit, or even ask about joining its board of directors. That way you're still constantly thinking about the community – how you can add value and what you can bring back. The key is to always stay connected to Hawai'i.

No. 2 Start Early

On visits home, schedule two or three meetings with professionals who are above you in your career field. If you're a mid-level insurance manager, call or email the CEO of an insurance company in Hawai'i who is a Punahou graduate. If there isn't one, look at the rest of the executive team. Is there anyone who's a graduate? The answer is most likely, "yes." Ask if they have time for coffee and prepare key questions: How have they seen people transition smoothly from the mainland? What opportunities do they see coming up in the next year? You already have something in common. The Punahou connection is so strong; everyone says, "yes."

No. 3 Stay up to Date

Subscribe to job boards and newsletters of leading companies in your industry. Don't overlook LinkedIn – it's an important tool and a good way to reach out to fellow alumni. Keep your profile updated and get your current resume on one page. Towill says hiring a professional resume writer is a good idea.

Ways to Connect



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THE JOURNEY HOME

The Returnees

COLBY SAMESHIMA '12

Colby Sameshima's '12 trajectory home started out straightforward enough. She headed off to Tufts University knowing she would come back – but then her interest in earth science and climate change morphed into a job supporting entrepreneurs in emerging markets. First from her company's New York headquarters, then from its San Francisco satellite office, she found herself flying to Cape Town, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur and Dubai to help local startups with global scaling challenges. While based in San Francisco, her mother got sick, trips home to Honolulu became more common and the yearning came back. "In California, I could have some of both worlds, Hawai'i and mainland-East Coast mentalities," she says. "But eventually, I began to see that what's most important to me is ultimately being close to my family, giving back to this place that completely shaped who I am, and being able to raise kids in this culture. I realized I should probably start to make moves toward that decision."

Sameshima's research into the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Hawai'i turned up a few new accelerators, including Mana Up, an accelerator that aims to take locally headquartered companies global. Co-founder Meli James '96 was a Punahou graduate. Sameshima couldn't believe it when James – named as one of Entrepreneur magazine's Women to Watch and entrepreneurial disruptors – was slotted to speak at a Bay Area event a few months later. She asked for a chat over a cup of coffee before the event, and the two hit it off.

Then on a visit home for her grandmother's 90th birthday that summer, she watched entrepreneurs at Mana Up's annual showcase pitch their stories and products, and realized that while she had seen the same thing all over the world, this time her local connection made the scene resonate tenfold. That clinched it. When James offered to create a position for her, Sameshima felt as if the universe was telling her to come home.

Now 26 and Mana Up's portfolio manager, Sameshima works on long-term growth for its entrepreneur partners and the bigger local economy. She lives at home and maintains a long-distance relationship with her boyfriend in the Bay Area. "For us from Hawai'i, it's especially difficult to navigate life (on the mainland) because we have such a unique culture. When you transition back, you do so with a different identity – hybrid local-mainland," she says. "It hasn't been completely seamless to adjust. You get used to having access to so many concerts, musicals and meeting people from everywhere (in San Francisco/New York). But it has also been so wonderful. I hike and jump in the ocean every week, and see my favorite aunties and uncles at my favorite local spots.

"I would argue all of this made me appreciate Hawai'i even more. The whole time I was like, I still prefer Honolulu. It's the best place on earth. I began to sense even more so this was the right place for me. For now."



HER ADVICE:

"It's a really difficult decision to make. My mainland friends, and even my family, could not understand the inner debate and turmoil. They thought it was as simple as, 'Well if you want to, you should. And if you don't, you shouldn't.' I think it's up to you to establish your needs, then to be realistic and honest with your options. I ultimately found myself realizing – over time – 'Okay, I would need to sacrifice X, Y and Z, which is important to me. But I would also gain A, B, and C, and that's worth it to me.' Your conclusion may be different than mine, but you need to take the time to understand that."



HER ADVICE:

“You have to be willing to sacrifice a little bit ... but also remember how you were supported as a young student in your career - how much you have achieved on the mainland, and then think about the next generation of kids who need that mentoring in whatever career path they're interested in.”

ROMI BEPPU '94

In pointe, graceful arms sweeping toward her prince, she is the Sleeping Beauty. Pirouettes and leaps, her joy and torment arcing across the stage before enraptured audiences, she is Giselle. Romi Beppu '94 knows how it feels to live the dream. What she didn't know, dancing across the world with American Ballet Theatre, Boston Ballet and Ballet West, was that even a calling so rarefied and powerful could be a segue to a bigger one - awakening the dream in young dancers back home.

For a good while, there was only one direction - onward and up. It took Beppu from Honolulu to summer training in New York, where she discovered the horizons of world-class ballet. It was at Boston Ballet where she made principal ballerina. From then on, anywhere she went, she would command that title.

When Beppu was injured late in her career - just shy of turning 30 - months of being sidelined steered her into teaching as a way to stay motivated. “My injury was a tougher time in my life. Something you really love is taken away from you, but it was a blessing in disguise in so many ways,” she says. “Dancing or anything elite like the Olympics - it's really about you. There's teamwork, but there's so much focus on yourself. On the teaching side, it's about giving back. That was really meaningful at that point in my life, because so much had been given to me. I came to the realization of, now, what do you do with it?”

Beppu had arrived from the farthest reaches of the country. If it hadn't been for her parents, who let her spend summers with a relative in New York, she would never have known a life in ballet was possible. When teaching ignited a new passion, she continued to nurture it, teaching and dancing at Boston Ballet, and later, at Utah's new Ballet West, where she danced for half the year and taught students on O'ahu and Maui the other half. In 2012, Beppu moved home and opened her studio, Honolulu Classical Ballet in Kaimuki.

“It's not a lack of high-level coaching - there are a lot of great teachers on the Island,” she says. “I could have worked in Boston. I could have worked in Utah. But I felt like when I was growing up here, this was a dream of mine. I felt like by coming back I could try to help students if they wanted a professional career. I had access to contacts I had met nationally and internationally, because I was one of them years ago. This was the right move for me, because there's a significant impact to what I'm doing. It doesn't have to reach 5,000 kids. If it reaches just a handful, that's meaningful to me. I feel like I'm giving back to the community that supported me.”

GREGG YAMAUCHI '04

If you want a textbook example of how to leverage Punahou connections and overseas experience for a smooth path back to the Islands, look at Gregg Yamauchi '04. Yamauchi is a walking how-to: He studied business at USC, focusing on commercial real estate, not just because he was interested, but because it seemed like a potential way home. Years later, he had just returned to Los Angeles from a long stint in London, where he'd set up the European division of an L.A. private investment fund, when he organized a young professionals mixer on a visit home. It was something he did regularly - seek out new professional contacts, sit down for coffee and find out the latest in the Hawai'i market. Also at the pau hana looking for contacts was Harrison “Jeeter” Ishida '08, a VP at Trinity Investments. “If you ever think about moving home ... ,” Ishida said.

Yamauchi never forgot the open-ended invite that spoke directly to one of his life's goals. A year or two later, he was newly married to Chelsea Chun '03. She quickly found an associate attorney position through the Punahou Connect job platform and moved back to Honolulu first. Yamauchi reconnected with Ishida, and in 2017, moved home to join Trinity, where he's now VP in charge of acquisitions. That Trinity had real estate dealings as far away as Japan and Mexico allayed Yamauchi's worry that he was leaving a global playing field for a much smaller market. But scaling down their personal lives from the headiness of Los Angeles, where major sports events and A-list concerts were the norm, and San Francisco and Palm Springs were within driving distance. How much would they miss it? “Now that we're home and we're settled and we have a family, it works for us. The life here is different - less exciting. But it's just nice. What I like to do for fun now is surfing and spending time with my kid, taking her to the beach, out to the park,” Yamauchi says. “It was all pretty smooth, to be honest. We love our life here. It's been great to be back.”

HIS ADVICE:

“Make sure you're staying in front of people and keeping in touch with what's going on here in the Islands. Get involved with Punahou Alumni Association. When you think you're ready, make sure you're in the right spot and ready to move back from a lifestyle perspective. Salaries (in Hawai'i) aren't as good, but that's also an opportunity to create a job or position for yourself that maybe didn't even exist here.”



CELESTE CONNORS '94

For Celeste Connors '94 the choice was between Kailua and London. One was her hometown, the other her retired British diplomat husband's, and for a Beltway couple wanting to raise their children closer to family, the choice was far from obvious.

When they weighed the astronomical costs of both cities against the lifestyle each afforded, in some ways London with its world-class everything came out ahead. Then Connors' father in Kailua got sick, and the decision was easy. As it turns out, Hawai'i Green Growth, a public-private leadership group working to advance economic, social and environmental goals, was looking for its first executive director and reached out to Connors via Punahou Connect.

It seemed almost destined: Connors had built a career as a diplomat specializing in international sustainability, climate and foreign policy. She'd worked at the highest levels of climate change policy in the Obama White House, put in years abroad at U.S. embassies and served on the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. At one point, she helped negotiate an international climate treaty.

Clearly Hawai'i Green Growth had chosen her to level up its work – to get it onto the world stage and connect it with like-minded initiatives for maximum collaborative impact. The specifics were up to her. "The international community is looking for scalable solutions to achieve the global sustainability goals, and has turned to Hawai'i for inspiration," she says. "Sustainability is about systems thinking across economic, social and environmental sectors. Growing up on an island, kids from Hawai'i inherently understand that what happens in the watershed will affect our coral reef and the communities in between. They are therefore uniquely equipped to lead the kind of policy innovation we need at this critical time."

For Connors, it is immensely satisfying that her children, James '27 and Elizabeth '30, are growing up in multicultural Hawai'i, steeped in the values of aloha, 'ohana, kuleana and mālama – that they can climb trees and play at the beach and hike Maunawili the way Connors did growing up.

As for Connors, her superpower is her command of global diplomacy. She knows how to put Hawai'i and Hawai'i Green Growth's work before the eyes of the world. When she did that, the United Nations invited the organization to work with it toward global sustainability as the only Local2030 sustainability hub in North America and the Asia-Pacific.

"We've now had requests to share our model – Hawai'i's model – with communities across the world, from Tasmania and the Canary Islands to Guam and Aruba in a locally and culturally appropriate way," she says. "I feel grateful that my professional experience and personal background growing up in Hawai'i have converged. It took coming home after being away for many years to reaffirm what I probably always felt – that Hawai'i's Island culture, people and community could be a starlight for other communities and countries seeking to get on a more sustainable pathway."

Connors says her focus now is on establishing the Local2030 Hub, building on Hawai'i's history of systems thinking, and attracting alumni considering returning home, as well as future graduates from across the State who are interested in careers in sustainable development and policy.

"The world of multilateral engagement is changing, and Hawai'i and local communities can help drive high-level diplomacy, policy and action," she says. "By sharing Hawai'i's sustainability framework with the world, we can attract new resources to help us achieve our goals locally, create leadership pathways for our keiki and mitigate the worst impact of climate change on our community."



HER ADVICE:

"Hawai'i – with its incredible ecosystem of institutions and culture – is uniquely positioned to help the world navigate towards a better future. What we do here is relevant. What you can do here is relevant and presents a tangible opportunity to leverage your experience, if you are willing to be a bit innovative."

CASS NAKASONE '86

It's not uncommon for Cass Nakasone '86 to lecture in Japan about his methods for outpatient joint surgery. He hosts surgeons who fly across the Pacific to watch him operate at Straub Medical Center. He also teaches orthopedics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, has published nine papers a year in medical journals and co-designed a hip implant used in several countries. Now he's collaborating on designs for a partial knee replacement system and a sensor for hip replacement implants. Techniques he developed let him do up to 12 surgeries a day. His stature is such that few in local medical circles talk about knee or hip replacement without mentioning his name.

That's not to say there hasn't been a cost. "I seriously could be making more money on the mainland," he says, half-jokingly. "I just went to my colleague's house in Colorado, and I almost wish I didn't see it. It looks like a hotel. He does about the same volume I do. I told him if you visit me, don't expect the same accommodations."

Nakasone has no regrets. Through engineering studies at Whitman College, Caltech and Stanford, a medical degree from the University of Hawai'i and subspecialty training at the University of Southern California, he never questioned whether Hawai'i would be his home. He wanted his children (Cole '20 and Nicole '23) to grow up close to their grandparents, as he had. So did his wife, Tina Unebasami '87. At the end of all his training, Nakasone joined Straub and started putting his ideas to work.

Direct anterior hip replacements were pioneering in the Islands in 2005. Now, he says, they're the norm. But his goal went beyond evolving his field – it was to earn for subspecialty orthopedic surgery in Hawai'i the broad recognition he felt it deserved. It stung every time doctors at mainland conferences asked about his beach time or whether he practiced rural medicine.

"If you want to be considered a leader in your field, chances are better if you stay on the mainland and become faculty at USC or Stanford or wherever, which many Punahou graduates are," he says. "Developing here the kinds of research opportunities they have will let students see that we can build this in Hawai'i, and we can put Hawai'i on the map in terms of being recognized for the high level of medical care that we've developed in many different specialties. I have three former Punahou students right now doing research with me and many others that have done research with us and published peer-reviewed articles."

"I have a goal of providing some kind of legacy for upcoming medical students who are all very hungry and motivated for research opportunities like this. I'm hoping they can go away and train, and somehow, we get them to come back to Hawai'i. Because one day, I'm going to be old. I'm hoping there will be somebody who's going to be an expert in whatever I need so I don't have to fly to the mainland for treatment."

HIS ADVICE:

"Excellence in whatever field you enter is something you should strive for. If you're not a good doctor, it's going to be hard for you. If you're an excellent doctor, it's going to be easy. You're going to be successful anywhere."



The Visionaries

Runaway housing costs, eye-popping living expenses and a dearth of high-caliber jobs: Yes, it's difficult, but the story doesn't end there. Hawai'i is rich in visionaries working to shift the tide, many of them on Punahou's Board of Trustees.

Here's what two of them have to say about opportunities for alumni at home.

MARK FUKUNAGA '74

Punahou Trustee (Board Chair),
Chairman and CEO of Servco



Hawai'i itself has changed a lot. It's much more integrated into the United States and world economies. Half of Servco's automotive business is in Australia. On our investment side, we own Fender Guitar company in California. I think this is interesting. It provides growth opportunities for folks.

Servco has an internship program with 16 interns this year from colleges across the United States and Hawai'i and some high schools. We had over 1,300 applicants. The most gratifying thing about it is that, last year, we had several folks who were born and raised in Hawai'i who had gone away to school.

Two or three of them were doing digital, constructing apps in human resources and marketing. They said, "I had no idea a company like Servco was doing this kind of stuff. It's changed how I think about my career. I'm now thinking about coming back to Hawai'i, and before last summer, I wasn't." So I think there are opportunities for people who want to do things along those lines here. But you have to look for them.

DUANE KURISU

Punahou Trustee, Chairman and Founder of aio Group,
Chairman of Hawai'i Executive Collaborative



It's become increasingly more expensive to live in Hawai'i. It's not only making it difficult for people who grew up in Hawai'i to move back, but it has also been the primary reason why young people have been moving away to places that are more affordable, and where higher-paying job opportunities are more in line with the cost of housing. The recent ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report commissioned by Aloha United Way showed that about half of Hawai'i residents are financially insecure.

That and for reasons beyond affordability and childcare is why the Hawai'i Executive Collaborative was formed. The collaborative is a commitment by business CEOs and government, labor, education and community leaders to tackle the most pressing issues facing Hawai'i and seek opportunities to build Hawai'i's economy. Time is not our friend, so we are not seeking incremental changes, but changes that move the dial.

Today, there is a greater call for collaboration, a greater need to build an environment that accepts risks for innovation and out-of-the-box thinking, and a need to attract and congregate world-class minds and investment.

The beauty is that many things have not changed – our values of family, friendship, respect, empathy and authenticity.

Come home. We need you and your children to join hands with us and help build a better Hawai'i.

New Approach to Math and Reading

BY CHRISTINE THOMAS

After discussing an article about octopuses, 25 children in Rebecca Wagner's fifth-grade class are working in small groups to annotate an article about the pros and cons of serving chocolate milk in schools. She then sends students off for a 30-minute deep dive into independent reading and annotation practice. Instead of reading chapters of the same book at home, students are given personalized reading assignments during class, so they can seek help and Wagner can track their progress.

"I'm giving explicit instruction, and we're practicing it together, but then I'm releasing them," she said.

This is Punahou's new Teacher's College Reading Workshop curriculum in action, officially launched last fall to kindergartners through fifth graders, after classroom pilots and targeted professional development for faculty. The reading curriculum was implemented in the Junior School, along with a revised math curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade eight.

Whereas reading instruction was previously more focused on fiction and in shorter blocks of time, students now spend an hour each day reading and moving through both fiction and nonfiction units. While there are set reading targets and specific skills taught at each grade level, students are provided personalized instruction based on their individual reading levels.

Student progress is also regularly tracked through fluency and comprehension assessments, so teachers know what skills need to be targeted and how each student is progressing. This also helps keep parents informed about their children's progress and what they are learning.

"When you personalize reading instruction, you have better outcomes for kids because you're not missing the gaps," said Junior School Principal Paris Priore-Kim '76. "The whole class isn't moving to the next book, and you have a super clear idea of what Jane is struggling with or what components of reading Jack hasn't quite mastered yet.

"We really want to provide equity of access to the critical skills for every child. That's why we are moving in this direction of consistency across classrooms and alignment through grades."

Wagner has been utilizing elements of the reading curriculum over the past four years and believes wholeheartedly in the approach. "I've seen the payoff," she said. "The kids are more excited about reading. They have better understanding about texts. They know that they're reading for enjoyment or for information, but also that it's deeper than that."



Opposite page: Jade Watumull '31 gets immersed in a book. Above: Fourth graders Daly Watson '28 (left) and Kekoa Payanal '28 explore a math problem together.

Addressing Needs of All Math Learners

To teach her fourth graders about adding and subtracting fractions, faculty member Pamela Fox introduces a "solve and share" activity, employing a technique from the K – 8 Pearson Math Curriculum that made its debut at Punahou last fall.

"We start with a short instruction, then students go off and try," said Fox, who piloted the new curriculum during the 2018 – 19 school year. "We stop and check in, and then they go off and try some more."

While adopting a new curriculum can be challenging, the payoff for the math program is clear, Fox said. "I saw the results immediately."

The Pearson curriculum invites students into the language of math – building from concrete to more abstract concepts within each unit, and at each grade level. "Think of it as a spiral within a spiral," Fox said.

A typical math lesson might involve students working in groups – using whiteboards and other touchable tools – to solve word problems, before transitioning to individualized problems that Fox selects for them. And similar to the new reading curriculum, student and class progress are tracked so teachers can adjust lessons based on which skills have been mastered or need reinforcing.

The program is designed to provide a full toolbox of concrete and abstract strategies, so students gain a thorough understanding of the math they're learning. It also sets math targets across the Junior School that lead to a progression of acquired skills.

"What we're trying to produce are students who can make connections, see the math visually, and represent it in ways that make the most sense to them," says Junior School Assistant Principal Todd Chow-Hoy. "Teachers have the opportunity to be flexible and build in other pieces to address needs of all learners."

A Carnival for the Ages

This year's event, with the theme, Music Through the Ages: A Chart-Topping Carnival, unfolded over two days in early February, with the beloved lineup of rides, games, malasadas and more, amid beautiful weather. All proceeds support Punahou's financial aid program.

Photo by Kathleen Connelly



Congrats, Juniors!

Members of the Class of 2021, organizers of this year's Carnival, came together for a group shot before the start of festivities on the first Friday in February.

Photo by Kathleen Connelly



'Escape from Punaverse'

The 2020 Variety Show brought 375 seniors together at Carnival for a rockin' student-led production that incorporated theatre, music, dance and lots of comedy. This year's show included a cameo performance by Punahou President Mike Latham '86, who appeared in his first Variety Show since his own in 1986.

Photo by Kathleen Connelly



KAPŌLEI

Habitat for Humanity Service Build

Students helped build a house alongside contractor supervision by assembling parts, painting and more, for a family in need in Kapōlei.



James Fujita '21 adds caulk to a window.

“The way Habitat for Humanity works is that they build a house without labor costs – since it’s all volunteers – so it’s way more affordable for the family. It was cool to learn construction stuff. Even digging a hole was actually kind of fun. It’s really hard work and I was sore the next day, but it felt good to know that what we were doing was going to help someone so much. Everyone had a good attitude about it and wanted to help. It was cool to see. I learned that even though something can be super hard work, it can be fun if you make it, and if you look at it the right way.” – *James Fujita '21*



A Time for Exploration and Adventure

BY RACHEL BREITWESER '03

This year’s G-Term offered 70 different opportunities on campus, across O’ahu and Hawai’i, as well as around the country and internationally. The multi-day courses covered a wide range of subjects from technology, history and life skills to community service, the arts and Hawaiian culture.

Now in its fourth year, G-Term has become an essential part of the Academy experience – offering students non-graded opportunities to learn new skills and immerse themselves in experiences they might otherwise not have in the regular classroom. “It’s a way for kids to try new things they wouldn’t normally do, and teachers to teach something they’re passionate about, so everyone’s really happy to be there,” says Nanea Satterfield ’21, who participated in the Lo’i to Table course.

In addition to exploring personal interests, students also took advantage of opportunities to make a difference in the community during the special interim, which followed winter break in early January. For instance, Satterfield and her classmates helped the nonprofit Papahana Kuaola clear a taro patch. “We’re helping organizations do work that they normally wouldn’t be able to do by themselves because they need volunteers,” she said. “It’s awesome to help.”

WYOMING

Active Science in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks

Students visited two iconic national parks, Grand Teton and Yellowstone, to learn about wildlife, climate, geology, human history and ecology in the snowy winter landscapes.



“Every single day was an adventure. It was incredible because it’s just so different to be in snow. It felt really good to be connected with nature. One of my favorite parts was having time to connect with friends and people you wouldn’t normally talk to. So, for me, the biggest part of the experience was the friendships I made.”
– Madi Suh '22

Madi Suh '22 (far right) and the group take a cross-country skiing trip and track wildlife at Grand Teton National Park.



Nanea Satterfield '21 (in green on far right) and other students learn about the freshwater spring that feeds the lo'i at Papahana Kuaola in Kāne'ohe.

MĀNOA, KĀNE'OHE AND HE'EIA

From Lo'i to Table

Students gained a deeper understanding of the lo'i kalo (taro wetland) – an important component of the indigenous Hawaiian ahupua'a – by visiting different lo'i across the Island at Ka Papa Lo'i o Kānewai at University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, Hakipu'u at Kualoa Ranch and Papahana Kuaola in He'eia, and harvesting and preparing kalo.

“I absolutely loved this experience. I'm really into Hawaiian culture. I take Hawaiian language, am a teacher's assistant for the after-school Hawaiian immersion program and perform during Holokū. So, it was awesome to learn how we can cultivate things the way our ancestors used to. My favorite part was getting dirty in the lo'i. Stomping around in the lo'i mixes up the nutrients and it's just so much fun. As a bonus, the mud exfoliates your skin so it's baby-smooth.” – Nanea Satterfield '21

Punahou Ninja Warrior

As part of this G-Term, students designed, constructed and competed in an on-campus obstacle course inspired by "American Ninja Warrior," the high-energy competition TV series. Students also challenged themselves on the military obstacle course at Schofield Barracks and explored teamwork and tactical planning by playing paintball.



Anya Zoraster '20 emerges from an obstacle she and her classmates constructed on campus.

"I watch 'American Ninja Warrior,' but before this G-Term, I didn't put it together that, not only can you watch it, but you can do it yourself. When I first watched the show, I thought, 'that looks doable,' but now I understand the training that goes into it, and I see why it's such an accomplishment. The obstacle courses were definitely challenging, and I learned that you had to use teamwork in order to do them. Going into this, I had a cautious mindset, but during it, I thought, 'okay, I've never done this before, but I'm just going to try it.' And it was really fun. Since then, my attitude has changed, and I'm more willing to take risks and try new things." – Anya Zoraster '20



Mie Dunbar '21 learns how to steer a horse.

WAIMĀNALO

Let's Ride Horses!

In this course, students learned from trained equestrians how to care for horses and ride them, as well as take basic care of other farm animals.

"I've ridden horses before, and I wanted to learn more about them. We learned how to care for them, about their diet and their anatomy. We brushed them, cleaned their hooves and learned how to saddle them. We also got to know the horses' personalities and build a connection with them. By taking care of one before riding it, I felt more connected to the horse than if I had just gotten on one. This experience opened my eyes to how gentle and smart horses are." – Mie Dunbar '21

Positive Reinforcement Dog Training

Students learned techniques and commands for training dogs to be welcome members of any home during this experience.

"I really love dogs, but I never had one as a pet. So, I wanted to get that experience of taking care of one and training it. This is the most time I've spent around a dog. They're so fun to play with. There are no downsides at all. These dogs cheer you up, so, it's therapeutic. One of the highlights was that I got to successfully teach a dog a new trick. That was so cool. When I'm an adult, I'll get a dog and maybe I'll still remember some of the stuff I learned." – Reagan Kaminaka '21

Reagan Kaminaka '21 (center) teaches Bodhi how to walk on a lead.



Jeron Oshita '20 learns calligraphy from an Ageo High School student in Tokyo.

SEOUL, KOREA AND TOKYO, JAPAN

Exploring and Comparing Seoul and Tokyo

Students visited Seoul and Tokyo to explore the similarities and differences between Korean and Japanese culture, history and language.

"I got to see how similar these two large cities were. I'm Japanese, so I could see some of my culture from Japan and compare it with Korea. I've taken Japanese language classes at Punahou, but on the trip, we got to go to temples, eat foods native to the area and experience things firsthand. Speaking with students from Korea and Japan was also a good experience. We compared how our schools and lifestyles are different. I got to make new friends and be a part of the culture." – Jeron Oshita '20



Zac Leitner '21 practices Frisbee skills during a relay race at Waimānalo Beach.



Taylor Hange '21 practiced CPR to simulate reviving a flatlining patient.

PUNAHOU CAMPUS AND WAIMĀNALO

The Ultimate Frisbee Experience

Through practice on campus and at Waimānalo Beach, students honed their skills at Ultimate Frisbee and other flying disc games. President Mike Latham '86 even got in on the fun, participating in the course as a student.

“This G-Term was super fun. It's my second year doing it, and I like that it's outside. I like the freedom of the sport. You can throw the Frisbee however you want, and throw it really far, but it takes a lot of technique because sometimes you don't know what it's going to do unless you're really good. We also learned how to be supportive teammates by not putting others down when they make a mistake. I can use that during school. if someone gets a bad score on a test, I can bring their self-esteem up.” – Zac Leitner '21

KAKA'AKO

Medical Immersion

In this G-Term, students visited the John A. Burns School of Medicine to learn clinical skills and try simulated surgery. They also practiced solving mystery cases, heard from health care professionals and shadowed a doctor on the job.

“This G-term really helps you figure out if you truly want to go into the medical field or not. It's special because it gave us an experience a lot of people have to wait to have. I didn't know if I wanted to go into medicine but learning how doctors treat patients helped me figure out that I want to be a family practice doctor. One of the doctors said that a big part of being a doctor is being able to talk to patients, and I think that I'll be able to do that well. So, that made me think, I really want to do this.” – Taylor Hange '21



HELPING YOUR CHILDREN THRIVE

PUNAHOU LAUNCHES

Team Up!

PARENTS AND EDUCATION AT PUNAHOU

BY DIANE SEO '85

Earlier this year, Punahou launched its Team Up program for parents, with three notable speaker events and a new podcast. The speakers discussed a variety of issues, including **how parents can help their children stay safe online** and **what skills students will need in college and the workplace**. In addition to the speaker sessions, Punahou has a new **Team Up parenting podcast**, which includes interviews with national and local guests. Please visit punahou.edu/teamup for information about upcoming events and the latest podcast episodes.



LINDA BURCH



LEONARD SAX



ROB EVANS AND MICHAEL THOMPSON

Top: Linda Burch of Common Sense Media speaks to parents at the Punahou Thurston Memorial Chapel on Feb. 11, kicking off the School's Team Up speaker series. Top right: Author Leonard Sax continued the speaker series with his Feb. 13 presentation, also at the Chapel. Bottom right: Rob Evans (left) and Michael Thompson spoke on Feb. 19 about how parents can prepare their children for a successful and meaningful future.

LINDA BURCH COMMON SENSE MEDIA



Linda Burch, co-founder and chief education and strategy officer of Common Sense Media, spoke in February to Punahou parents about how to help their children and teenagers navigate the digital world. Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organization that shares information and offers strategies to help kids utilize technology in safe, responsible and ethical ways.

According to a Common Sense report, tweens now spend a daily average of five hours on their phone, while teens spend on average 7.5 hours. "When you think about what has happened over the course of the past 15 years, it's really remarkable," Burch said. "When we founded Common Sense in 2003, there was no Facebook, Twitter or TikTok. The iPod was a year old, and Google wasn't yet a verb. Fast forward to today, and media and technology is affecting every part of our kids' lives. They are on their devices and social media 24/7 and have access to information and people around the world."

While this landscape has positive potential for creative expression, connections and learning, there are also challenges, including being exposed to inappropriate content, digital distraction, cyberbullying and hate speech. "Navigating this rapidly evolving digital landscape requires families to have control, understanding, and trust when it comes to the role tech plays in their lives," Burch says. "The challenge of this ever-evolving digital world is not going away, but I'm hopeful that working together, parents and educators can raise a generation of digital citizens and create a world we are proud for them to inherit."

BURCH OFFERED PARENTS THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO HELP KIDS USE TECHNOLOGY SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY:

- ▶ **Embrace their world:** Engage with your kids and encourage a dialogue about what they're seeing, playing, creating and posting, as well as how they're communicating. If your kids play video games, play with them to understand the games better.
- ▶ **Do your homework:** Reference the Common Sense Parents' Ultimate Guides, which offer information about YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, Fortnite, parental controls and more. Also check out Common Sense's library of reviews to choose age-appropriate apps, games, movies, TV shows, websites and books.
- ▶ **Set limits:** Establish rules and boundaries with your family regarding technology usage. Common ones include device-free dinners, device-free car rides, time limits for digital usage and the time when everyone puts their devices in a central place to charge for the night. Start doing this when your children are young.
- ▶ **Protect privacy:** Teach your children to protect their digital privacy and to respect the privacy of others. Remind them they're creating a "digital footprint," so they need to know the power of their words and actions.
- ▶ **If you're concerned about an app, download it and try it yourself:** For instance, with TikTok, participants create and share lip synching videos, and comment on them. But there are concerns about privacy, bullying and age-inappropriate content.
- ▶ **Address cyberbullying:** If you discover your child is being exposed to hate speech or cyberbullying, either as a perpetrator or a recipient, the first step is to listen. Don't get too alarmed, ban the cell phone or call the school immediately.
- ▶ **Be a good role model:** Remember, your kids are watching you. Parents need to disengage from their technology too and show kids how to be present.

ROB EVANS AND MICHAEL THOMPSON



Rob Evans and Michael Thompson, two notable authors and school consultants, also came to Punahou to talk to parents about how they can prepare their children for a successful and meaningful future. Thompson is the author and co-author of several books, including the New York Times bestseller, "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys." Evans is a child and family therapist who has authored three books and consulted with schools throughout the world.



The topic of their Feb. 19 talk – Rigor, Emotional Intelligence, and The Real Roots of Success – correlated with the School's ongoing efforts in Competency Based Learning, which prioritizes teaching such skills as communication, collaboration, creativity and flexibility – all of which are becoming increasingly important skills for college and the workplace.

During their presentation, Evans told parents that for many years, the thinking about preparing children for the future involved instilling the most rigorous academic curriculum. Then, as college admissions became more competitive, many schools not only increased the quantity of what kids would learn, but began pushing it on younger children. Now, however, educators, CEOs and others are determining that "soft skills," including empathy, a capacity to adapt, rebound, connect with others and be flexible, are also essential for success.

"It's not casting out the rigor; it's a question of balance," he said. "At Google, they've decided that it's useless to know what a job applicant's college grades were or SAT scores, so they don't bother to ask anymore. They're not going to hire you based just on those kinds of credentials alone."

Many students also are suffering from severe stress and anxiety, and while it's not just school rigor that's causing this, students aren't developing the emotional strength or "soft skills" they need to thrive. Thus, schools such as Punahou have integrated programs like RULER, a social emotional learning program developed by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Thompson said. "Not all important learning is school-based," Thompson said. "There are many kids who are going to be successful when they get out of school because they're just not cut out for academics, but their journey should be trusted."

HERE ARE SOME TIPS EVANS AND THOMPSON HAVE FOR PARENTS:

- ▶ **Lighten up:** Accept that children have their own individual strengths and weaknesses. "Life trajectories are going to be different, and there are limits on how much we can shape those," Evans says. "Most kids are going to end up activating their strengths. When you choose to send them to a school like [Punahou], you stand a much better chance of this happening, so a key question is not how your kid becomes things she is not, but how can she be the best of who she is?"
- ▶ **Teach by example, instead of by sermon:** "When you think you're teaching your kids, you're preaching to them," Evans says. "If we're honest, we would say that we learned much more from the example our parents set, rather than from the sermons they preached."
- ▶ **Trust your child's development:** "Trust your child's journey, even if he or she is not in the top half of the class, because some of these kids are developing more persistence, perseverance and grit," Thompson says.
- ▶ **Foster social and emotional skills:** "A child can't know what empathy is unless he or she has experienced it," Thompson says. "You teach empathy by being empathetic to your child. Then you ask your child to identify a situation where empathy is required. And then at times, you ask your child to practice empathy. These are habits of heart, habits of mind and habits of practice. That's how you teach social emotional skills."

LEONARD SAX



Leonard Sax, a physician, psychologist, speaker and bestselling author, spoke to Punahou parents about what they can do to **raise respectful, principled children amid a challenging cultural landscape.**

Citing research as well as his own observations from more than 30 years of clinical experience as a family doctor, Sax says American children and teens are bombarded by inappropriate content on YouTube, social media, video games, television, movies and music, and this is having a detrimental effect on them. Fifty years ago, American popular culture was healthy and nurturing, while today, it's a culture of disrespect, said Sax, the author of four books, "Why Gender Matters," "Boys Adrift," "Girls on the Edge" and "The Collapse of Parenting."

For instance, many of today's top celebrities routinely create songs, movies and videos that display disrespect toward others. In writing "The Collapse of Parenting," he reviewed the 150 most popular television shows in the United States to see how many of them depict a parent as knowledgeable, competent, reliable, thoughtful and kind. "Out of 150 shows, I found only one ('Blue Bloods') that depicts a parent, at least occasionally this way," he says.

Sax encouraged parents to establish rules and expectations with their children, particularly with their usage of phones and video games. Parents have an opportunity to instill in their children a desire for something more meaningful than social media and video games, he says, "It's important to teach children the importance of virtue, character and self-control."

THE DANGER OF VIDEO GAMES

One of the influences that parents need to watch out for, particularly among boys, are video games, Sax said. The average American boy now spends nine hours and 13 minutes a week playing video games, compared with one hour and 38 minutes a week for the average girl. Sax said researchers have found that prolonged video game playing correlates to lower academic performance. "The kid who spends 10 hours a week playing video games does less well in school than the kid who spends five hours playing video games," he said.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHONES

While boys are more inclined to play video games, girls are much more active on social media, and the danger of this is that they focus on performing instead of living, Sax said. "Many of them are trapped in the 'cyberbubble' – 24/7 texting and social media, and the show never ends," he said. Researchers are also finding that the more time a teenager spends on social media, the more likely that teenager is to become depressed.

Sax's suggestions:

- ▶ Set time limits for usage of social media by using parental controls. Sax says 30 minutes a day should be sufficient.
- ▶ Learn about every social media app your child uses.
- ▶ Don't allow phones and other devices in the bedroom. Devices should be used in a public space like the kitchen or the living room, Sax says, adding that this is an official guideline of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- ▶ Install parental monitoring software on your teenager's phone.

Parenting Guide

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN THRIVE

LISTEN TO OUR TEAM UP PODCAST!



punahou.edu/teamup



Punahou has launched a new podcast – Team Up – featuring interviews and conversations with local and national guests who address a variety of issues affecting parents and families.

Punahou's Team Up podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Spotify and Simplecast.

For our inaugural episode, Punahou Junior School Principal Paris Priore-Kim '76 spoke with Linda Burch of Common Sense Media, about how parents can help their children navigate the digital world. For our second episode, Punahou President Mike Latham '86 spoke with Michael Thompson and Rob Evans about the critical skills students need for the workplace.



Linda Burch (left) and Punahou Junior School Principal Paris Priore-Kim '76 discussed the digital lives of children and teenagers during a podcast, which was recorded on campus.



For the Record
Winter 2020 Results

Boys Basketball I
3rd ILH

Boys Basketball I-AA
2nd ILH

Girls Basketball I
4th ILH

Girls Basketball I-AA
2nd ILH

Cheerleading
2nd ILH

Boys Diving
2nd ILH, 2nd State

Girls Diving
1st ILH, 1st State

Boys Paddling I
1st ILH, 1st State

Boys Paddling II
1st ILH

Girls Paddling I
1st ILH, 2nd State

Girls Paddling II
1st ILH

Paddling Mix
1st ILH, 2nd State

Precision Riflery
4th ILH

Boys Soccer
1st ILH, 1st State

Girls Soccer
2nd ILH

Girls Soccer I-AA
2nd ILH

Boys Swimming
1st ILH, 1st State

Girls Swimming
1st ILH, 1st State

Boys Wrestling
2nd ILH, 2nd State

Girls Wrestling
2nd ILH



Above: Emma Ito '23 attempts to pin her opponent during a girls wrestling match.
Photo by Kathleen Connelly

I have a Plan

“I would like my gift to make a difference in a young person’s life. By naming Punahou as a beneficiary of my life insurance policy, I am giving students the **OPPORTUNITY** to receive the best education from an institution that is the leader in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. I am **GRATEFUL** for all that Punahou did for me, my two children and my two grandchildren.

– Robbie Ostrem '65

What’s your plan?

Naming Punahou as a beneficiary of your estate plan, life insurance policy or retirement plan counts toward your Reunion Class Gift and supports the School’s highest priorities.

To tell us about your plan and be counted, or to learn more about the benefits of gift planning, please contact Carrie Ogami at 808.944.5845 or visit punahou.edu/giftplanning.

For Classes ending in 0 or 5

Alumni Week 2020

is still happening ... in October!



Save the (new) Dates!

Thursday, October 8 - Monday, October 12

Schedule

Alumni Week 2020

Thursday, Oct. 8
Kūpuna Lū’au

Friday, Oct. 9
PAA Awards and
Alumni Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 10
Class Cocktail Parties

Sunday, Oct. 11
Alumni Lū’au

Monday, Oct. 12
(Discoverers’ Day holiday)
Holoholo Punahou 5K
Fun Run/Walk

Class Family Picnics

Updated information and online registration coming soon at alumni.punahou.edu/reunion.
Questions? Email reunion@punahou.edu.

Dear Punahou Alumni,

You and your families have been in our thoughts as we adjust to community and nationwide efforts to stop the spread of the COVID-19.

This unusual time has challenged us and required flexibility. Initially, we had been hopeful that the outbreak would not interfere with our Reunion Week plans. When it became clear that a June celebration would not be prudent, it was important to us to find a way to plan a joyful, on-campus celebration in 2020 to honor our Classes ending in 0 or 5.

I am happy to announce that we will postpone – not cancel – Reunion Week 2020 to Discoverers’ Day weekend, October 8 – 12, 2020. Our Reunion committees and campus operations staff have quickly pivoted and are already planning in anticipation of the new dates. Stay tuned. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Our recent challenges have shown us that we have much to be grateful for, and we look forward to celebrating together in October.

With heartfelt aloha,

Doug Rigg '84
Director of Alumni Relations

Why We Give

LOYALTY THROUGH THE YEARS

BY CHRISTINE THOMAS

Although Punahou's largest donations tend to draw the most attention, most contributions to the School - about 96% - are small-to-moderate gifts. "Gifts to Punahou come in all shapes and sizes, and every one of them is cherished," says Holly Paulson '87 Sereni, senior director of development. Thus, in honor of our full breadth of donors, we are featuring three alumni who have demonstrated a true commitment to the School with their much-appreciated gifts.

Dianne Ige '67

Dianne Ige '67 didn't expect to live so far from home for so much of her life. After graduating from Punahou, she ventured to the East Coast and built a fulfilling career in fashion merchandising in New York City, before returning to Hawai'i upon retirement.

Throughout her working years, Ige sustained her connection to Punahou through consistent annual giving, donating every year since graduating in 1967. "The consistency of giving helped me feel connected," she said. "It created regular contact with the School, as opposed to just at every Reunion or during a big fundraising event. This is what I do. I do it every year, and it feels good."

Ige likens her commitment to building a 401(k). Rather than making one large deposit, she regularly contributes - knowing down the road, it can build to something substantive. "It's something you hardly even feel, and yet, you're doing something positive," Ige said. "Punahou was a large part of my growing up. But it's longer lasting than that. It exposed me to so many different things that sparked my curiosity for life."

She fondly recalls how Punahou exposed her to subjects, such as art history, that helped her become well rounded. And she's thankful for all the ways Punahou connects alumni across the globe through Reunions and other events, along with the Bulletin. "This is a way of saying thank you," she said. "Thanks for keeping in touch, for what you've done in the past, and what you continue to do for the current generation."

Vanessa Van Gorder '95 Distajo

Community service shapes many of Vanessa Van Gorder '95 Distajo's choices. It's a value she traces to her senior year at Punahou, when she served on a committee that helped plan the Luke Center for Public Service, which launched in 2002. That experience inspired her to serve on boards of various local nonprofits, and eventually to pursue a career in education. For her 25th reunion, Distajo wanted to make a gift to Punahou that would have a long-term impact on both the School and the community.

An outright gift to the Luke Center made perfect sense initially. "It was the most meaningful way for me to contribute since it's a program that cultivates social responsibility in the next generation through immediate action," Distajo says.

She also decided to make a planned gift, designating Punahou as a beneficiary. "Education is a huge part of my life, and I am who I am today because of Punahou's imprint," Distajo says. "With a blended gift, it's going to be a part of my legacy, too."

Although offering a gift while raising a family may seem financially daunting, Distajo says it was important for her to give back, having been a recipient of the Dolores Furtado Martin endowed merit scholarship while she was at Punahou. "If we're strategic about it, we can really make an impact with a blended gift," she says.



Clockwise from top left: Vanessa Van Gorder '95 Distajo, Dianne Ige '67 and Christopher "Goose" Moy '05 have all shown great loyalty and generosity to Punahou over the years.

Christopher "Goose" Moy '05

Christopher "Goose" Moy '05 doesn't try to hide his passion for Punahou. "I bleed buff and blue," he says.

To support his alma mater, Moy helps lead Punahou Alumni Association (PAA) of Northern California. He's also been a consistent annual donor to Punahou's financial aid fund since graduating from college, transitioning seven years ago to monthly contributions. "I want to be involved in what pushes the School forward," he says. "I feel so grateful to be part of this community and anything I can do to help, I'll do."

Volunteering his time to PAA, coupled with financial gifts, are how Moy feels he can best support the School that he credits for shaping who he is today. He targets his giving toward financial aid, to offer the Punahou experience to those who might not be able to afford it.

"There's no way my sister and I would have been able to go to Punahou without it," says Moy, who now works in finance in San Francisco. "I had the opportunity because of somebody else's generosity. I am where I am because of who came before me. I feel like it's my responsibility to carry that forward."

When Moy thinks back to chapel services that still resonate or the meeting he requested (and got) with former President Jim Scott '70 while in fifth grade, he also now realizes all of the small things that parents pay for that donations can offset. "Punahou prepared me; it gave me perspective and exposure," Moy says. "I don't want to miss out on supporting that."

Alumni Notes

Alumni Notes Policy

- » Send alumni updates and photographs directly to Class Correspondents.
- » Digital photographs should be high-resolution jpg images (300 dpi).
- » Each class column is limited to 650 words so that we can accommodate eight decades of classes in the Bulletin!
- » Bulletin staff reserve the right to edit, format and select all materials for publication.

Class of 1935 **85th REUNION** OCT. 8 - 12, 2020

George Ferdinand Schnack peacefully passed away on Feb. 21, 2020, at home in Honolulu, with all his wits and family at his side. At Punahou, he was very active in sports, student government and ROTC, and was also an editor and manager of the Oahuan. He took a large role in the 1932 origination and continuing tradition of the Punahou Carnival – which began as a fundraiser for the yearbook. George went on to Stanford University, Harvard Law



A fond aloha to George F. Schnack '35, who passed away at his home in Honolulu on Feb. 21, 2020.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our deadline for Class correspondents to complete the Class notes occurred well before the COVID-19 outbreak. Thus, the following submissions do not make mention of the health crisis and its impact on communities across the globe. We nevertheless are including the Class notes as they were finalized earlier this year, since we know Punahou alumni want to remain connected to each other. Mahalo for reading!

School for one year and served abroad in World War II. When he returned, he studied medicine at Johns Hopkins University and psychiatry at the Psychiatric Institute in New York City, where he met his wife, Patricia. After returning to Honolulu in 1959, he opened a private psychiatric practice and headed up the Mental Health Clinic at Lanakila Health Center. In addition to his incredible philanthropic support of Punahou since graduation, George was an active member in the community, working with the Juvenile Court, lecturing at the University of Hawai'i, consulting for the Peace Corps Training Program, serving on the boards and volunteering at the Health and Community Service Council, Palama Settlement, Mental Health Association in Hawai'i, Child and Family Service, Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i and REHAB Hospital of the Pacific. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Tibbals Schnack; six children, Leslie Maioho, **Jacquelyn Schnack '75** Curtis, **Randall Schnack '78**, **Marjorie Schnack '80**, **Carolyn Schnack '82**, and **Cynthia Schnack '82** Lee; 14 grandchildren (two of whom are now fourth-generation Punahou students); eight great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

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Class of 1943

Patricia Louise McGinnis Osborne passed away on Nov. 20, 2019, at the age of 94. She was in Hawai'i on Dec. 7, 1941, the day of the Pearl Harbor attack, and was a Red Cross ambulance driver in 1942 and 1943. Pat was a teller at the Bishop National Bank of Hawaii in 1943, where she met her future husband, Captain Philip W. Osborne, an U.S. Army Air Corps fighter pilot. They married in Hawai'i, in November 1945, then moved to Tenafly, New Jersey, where they had four sons. The family spent many summers camping at National Parks from the East Coast to the West Coast. Pat and Phil also shared outstanding adventures that included cross-country skiing the Ruth Glacier in Alaska; summiting Kala Patthar in Nepal; Pat summiting Mount Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak; and joining the 1986 American K2 North Ridge expedition support team up to the base camp, then traveling Marco Polo's Silk Road in the Taklamakan

Desert. Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years and will be missed by her family.

Class of 1945 **75th REUNION** OCT. 8 - 12, 2020

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Submitted by **Willson Moore**:

Ken Hanson, when cleaning out his garage, found six issues of 1945 Ka Punahou and sent them along, so here are some highlights from when we were the Junior Class:

Under the headline "Birthday Party Gala Occasion," on March 6, 1945, the article notes both **Diane Price** Perkins and **Betty-Anne "B.A." Rabe** Boyd celebrated their 17th birthday at their adjacent homes: "Jumping lively to the stimulating strains of a solid jam session, the hepcats kept the (Rabe) basement echoing to snappy rhythm of tapping feet ... Aside from lights (lu'au torches), there was an occasional camera flash catching those 'oh so dear' poses that somehow are ever-present on a not-too-bright dance floor." Under the column "What's Buzzin'?" in that issue is the warning: "Watch out when you cross the street, everybody! Diane and B.A. just got their driving licenses." Also: **Raymond "Rayno" Akana** does not bother



Mandy Blake '47 Bowers celebrating her 90th birthday with her family at the Outrigger Canoe Club. Front row, from left: Joan Pratt '47, Betty Bowers '48 Evensen and Mandy. Back row, from left: Jib Bowers '78, Judy Buffington Knight, Andy Bowers '73, Carl Evensen '73 and wife, Stacy, Dougie Bowers '80, Pono Evensen '71, Vernon Knight '52 and Mealani Evensen '78. Missing from photo, but in attendance: Melinda Pratt '78 Walker and Laurel Bowers '71 Husain.



Charlotte "Bubby" Faye '48 Sharp as she was in school and as she is now. Bubby is living in Greenville, South Carolina, and is happy to be surrounded by her family.



counting his detentions, he just spends Saturday mornings in Mr. Curtis' office."

That same issue notes with regret the announced retirement of longtime, popular faculty member, **Charlotte Dodge (1902)**: "We sure will miss you, Miss Dodge."

Also noted: "**Betty Loo** Taylor what? Betty Loo period! Oh, you mean the one that plays the piano. That's the one, and can she play it. From the deepest of deep classics, through jazz and popular music, to the hottest of hot Boogie – she pounds them all out ... Betty has an amazing personality. Crazy, full of fun, practically the only sensible thing about her is her piano playing."

More Ka Punahou nostalgia as the Junior Class next time.

Willson "Willie" Moore has found being a volunteer docent in his retirement from his Honolulu law firm, not only very interesting and enjoyable, but also a great way to give back to his community. He trained to be a docent at the 'Iolani Palace in the spring of 2009. In June, he passed all tests and became a qualified docent. A decade later, in June 2019, after guiding over 6,000 visitors on his tours, he retired from this volunteering with great memories (some preserved by TV filming his last palace tour). To keep active, Willie went from being an indoor docent at 'Iolani Palace, to an outdoor docent at Honolulu's Manoa Heritage Center (MHC). MHC docent tours feature Kualii, the Cooke family 1911 Tudor-style home, that was preserved by the late **Sam Cooke '55** and is currently overseen by his wife, **Mary Moragne '54** Cooke. The tours also feature Kuka'o'o Heiau. Restored by Sam and Mary

Cooke, it overlooks broad and lush Manoa Valley, the adjacent 3 1/2-acre hillside native plant garden, and the MHC Visitor Education Hale. Originally, this property was a part of a wedding present of 30 acres of Manoa, given to Sam's grandfather, **Charles Montague Cooke Jr. (1893)**, in 1901. The MHC garden contains over 70 varieties of plants that early Hawaiians used (indeed some undoubtedly brought with them on the voyaging canoe migrations). Willie says transitioning from knowing about the 'Iolani Palace, with its rooms full of royal personage memories, paintings and artifacts, to learning about a myriad of plants, with their Native Hawaiian names and uses in an outdoor setting, has tested his very senior memory retention, but ultimately it's all fun.

Class of 1947

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Welcome to our 90th year! I am assuming this is true for most of us.

A happy note from **Pat Holtwick** Moran. Her older son, Ken, hosted a 90th birthday celebration for her that her younger son, Kelly, traveled from California to attend. A family photo shows Pat with her sons, grandsons and twin great-granddaughters. She then went to Nashville to the Grand Ole Opry for Christmas festivities.

My family and friends also gathered for a happy birthday party for my 90th birthday at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

When I saw the news about the volcanic eruption in New Zealand, I emailed Pam and



Happy retirement to Dick Morris '48! He's enjoying his free time by following his passions of computing, psychology and music theory and appreciation after a career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at California Institute of Technology.

Bill Monahan to hear whether they had been affected. Pam replied that their home is on South Island, thus not struck, but she was still concerned.

Eve Roberts Davidson is still living in La Jolla, California. We talk occasionally sharing Punahou memories and 90-year-old aches and pains.

Betty Lou Augustine Fraser's granddaughters continue graduate school. One is in Geneva, working on her doctorate. The other is in Glasgow, Scotland, working on her master's degree. Shall we ask them to share adventures with us at our next Reunion?

Aloha to **Nancy Kuhne DuRie**, who passed away in November in Orleans, Massachusetts. She was born in Honolulu, and lived for many years in Nu'uano. She joined us for our 70th Reunion in 2017. She lived her life well and filled it doing things that she enjoyed – gardening, needlepoint, quilting, knitting and volunteering. The Girl Scouts, her Church, et al benefited. She also enjoyed her travels, some of which we did together, to Europe and Alaska. Our condolences to her family.

I hope to hear from more of you during this "new year."

Class of 1948

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It was good hearing from **Dorothea "Dori" Crozier Warren**. Never one to be idle, she and her husband, Terry, are co-presidents for Cornell University's Class of '52. Their time and

energies extend to supporting institutions such as the Grand River Academy, Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western University and Kent State University's nursing program. They divide their time between Ohio and Arizona to be with family. Although she experienced the loss of a dear grandson, she is grateful for her remaining grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also delighted with her granddaughter, who is the women's golf coach at The University of Toledo.

Ronald Hansen has been living in Alaska all these years, until he finally realized that one doesn't have to freeze all year long! He and his wife, Terry, bought a second home in Arizona, not only to keep warm, but to be with family. They are in good health and travel the globe. Terry especially loves cruises with no cooking or housekeeping. Ah, yes. Isn't that the dream of every woman? Ronald, please take a cruise to Hawai'i to make our 75th Reunion in 2023.

Richard "Dick" Morris, one of our Class "techies," is enjoying retirement by following his curiosity in applications of computing, psychology and music theory and appreciation. If you recall, Dick spent his entire career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Caltech. He worked on the projects that sent spaceflights to every planet except Pluto. For the last few years Dick has been making daily visits to see his wife, Janice, who lives in a nearby nursing home. He keeps occupied by pursuing his love of computers and electronics. He has been developing programs and has created a simple, easy-to-use accounting program that he has been tinkering with and using for 20 years. He enjoys finding ways to live life fully and in complete contentment.

Charlotte "Bubsy" Faye Sharp is now residing in Greenville, South Carolina, surrounded by her loving family. She says they are 27 strong and loves spending time with all of them. She is happy and content where she is and wishes she could have joined us for our last Reunion. She was asked for a current photo and sent two – the first to help everyone remember who she was, and a current one. All we can say is "once a beauty, always a beauty."

On the local scene, **Lois Carpenter Nottage** kept very busy during the holidays entertaining out-of-town guests and preparing her delicious meals for family and friends. It was not surprising for her to have nine to 20 guests for dinner on any given night.

Rev. **Theodore "Ted" Vierra** is supposed to be retired, but his schedule says otherwise. He continues to preside over mass three to four times a week and maintains a presence at University of California, Los Angeles events. He said that his four joys in 2019 were his 90th birthday; his garden - a place of beauty, change, need, evolutionary process, discoveries and challenges; walking to stay healthy; and the book, "When Bishops Meet."

Andrew "Andy" Young's stepson, Barron, wrote to tell us the sad news that Andy

passed away in June. He said that Andy "was extremely proud to have attended Punahou, and spoke about it his entire life!" We'll miss you, Andy.

We extend our condolences also to **Harriet Sato Masunaga** on the loss of her dear husband, Dr. Glenn Masunaga, an orthodontist, inventor, scientist and philanthropist.

We all have something in common this 2020, most of us will be 90. If we all wrote "The Bio of the Class of 1948," what an amazing story it would be. It would be fantastic! We've lived beyond expectations. We still have time to live better and do better. After all, we are the Class of '48 - 4-Evah!

Class of 1949

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Frances Holbrook Brewer has moved to a new retirement community in Spokane, Washington. She has a granddaughter who is a senior at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. Frances and I are hoping to see each other this coming year.

Ellen Schattenburg Townsley hosted me and one of my grandsons in late October, when we drove from Oakland to be with her at The Forum in Cupertino. At the time, The Forum was hosting 70 evacuated families from nearby fires. Ellen has a beautifully decorated condo with treasures from her many travels around the world. In November, Ellen spent 10 days in Rome with her son, **David Townsley '77**, and his wife, visiting many sights, including Pompei. Plans were to visit her sister, **Marion Schattenburg '50** Pickens, in January, then join David and his wife again in February, to spend time in Barcelona.

Alice Tucker Wathne writes that she, her husband, Carl, and their son, John, visited Florida in March, then Massachusetts and Maine, in September. The Wathnes are thinking of visiting San Juan Capistrano in 2020.

Eileen "Ale" McLachlan Hogue writes that the highlight of this past year was a reunion of Hagues living in western states. The festivities lasted three days with presentations made of the family genealogy dating way back. Her son, Bob, was able to visit places in Great Britain, where both her family, McLachlan, and the Hogue clan originated. She meets weekly with local quilters to work on quilts for local charities.

Mervyn Conner Henderson writes about her busy life at Emerald Heights in Redmond, Washington. She is surrounded by many relatives who love to visit her for dinner and listen to her Hawai'i stories. There is no place big enough for all to gather. For both Thanksgiving and Christmas she had to make choices of where to go among three different invitations. Merv says her life is full of family, good friends, good food and lots of great

reading – especially David McCullough's historical novels.

Isobel "Izzy" Lamb Ryan wrote me with Honolulu news. She sees **Cara Marshall** Chapman often; talks to **Kathleen O'Brien** Muirhead occasionally; and emails **Jane Wylie**, who lives at Arcadia. Izzy said that **Fred Gartley's** granddaughter came from the mainland to visit. Both **Freddy** and **Jimmy Bell** are doing well.

Brian Davis, **Jeanne Lane** Davis's son, called to tell me that my close friend had passed away on Nov. 10, 2019, in Sacramento, California. She was an elementary teacher at Punahou for some years. Jeanne leaves behind four children, one stepson, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

On Feb. 1, 2020, I joined my sister, **Barbara Blom '52** Ward, in Los Angeles, where we boarded the Emerald Princess for a 28-day cruise of the South Pacific. We arranged to meet up with classmate and former neighbor, **Nalani Warren** Morris, in Lahaina, Maui, when the ship docked there for one day.

I am sharing my Ka Punahou that I received at our Class Reunion with Punahou classmates. If anyone is interested in sharing it with me, I will put you on the waiting list.

Thank you for all the news.

Aloha, Beverly Blom

Class of 1950

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To honor **Bill Balfour Jr.**, the former director of parks and recreation and the Honolulu Zoo who died in the early part of 2019, the Honolulu City Council Parks Committee passed a resolution renaming Waipahu District Park, Bill Balfour Junior Waipahu Park.

In the Honolulu Star Advertiser, there's a weekly column, "Rearview Mirror," by Bob Sigall, who writes interesting facts about old Hawai'i. In his last column of 2019, he gives his annual Rearview Mirror Awards to people who have made a difference in Hawai'i and in the world. One of the awardees was our own **Frances Mossman**. He mentioned that she was the first woman to achieve the rank of general in any of the U.S. Armed Forces. She was a national security and defense planning and policy consultant for 48 years. Frances co-founded History Education Hawai'i and was involved with the Bishop Museum, The Girl Scouts, Armed Services YMCA, the Pacific Aviation Museum and many other organizations. She passed away in 2018.

Sadly, we received word that **Donald Lovelace** passed away on Aug. 27, 2019, in South Carolina. Born into a Navy family, Don



A few '51 classmates enjoyed lunch together at the Waikiki Elks Lodge. Front row, from left: Wanda Marino Ginden, Mary E. Friel Ciacci and Iris Okazaki Chung. Back row: Pat Low Wagner and Robin Fern Loomis.

attended high school in Coronado, San Diego and Honolulu. Upon his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, he graduated in 1955, and was commissioned into the Navy Supply Corps, where he served for many years. Our condolences go to his wife, Nancy; his sons, Don III, Stephen and Greg; his daughter, Malia; his eight grandchildren; and his sister, Helen Louise.

We also received word that **Kwong Hing "K.H." Lum** passed away suddenly on Dec. 31, 2019. He was in the insurance business at Pan-Pacific Life, a subsidiary of Finance Factors, before his retirement. Predeceased by his wife, Diane, he leaves behind a son, **Kim Lum '76**; and two daughters, **Kelley Lum '78** Oshiro and **Kalei Lum '81** Love, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. A regular member of our monthly lunch bunch, K.H. will be sorely missed.

Hope this new year started off with a bang and brings good health, prosperity and much happiness to you all. Aloha!

Class of 1951

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Hi, Class:

Happy New Year! When you read this it will be May, and in less than one year, we will be in the

final stage of planning our 70th Class Reunion!

We have 14 ladies from our Class who live on O'ahu. In November, **Iris Okazaki Chung**, **Wanda Marino Ginden**, **Robin Fern Loomis**, **Pat Low Wagner** and I got together for lunch at the Waikiki Elks Lodge. Not able to make that date were **Myrna Pang** Chun-Hoon, **Dido Kekoolani Barrett**, **Ann Halstead**, **Bonnie Purvis** Eyre and **Anita Berg** Whiting. I was not able to reach **Patsy Souza Kai**, **Valerie Yamada** Southwood, **Joanne Fleming** Murray and **Lila Ann Sueoka** Horio. Please let me know if your contact information has changed. We had a great time reminiscing and said, "We need to do this again." Please join us!

Condolences go to **Donald Murchie**, who lost his sister, **Noel Murchie '53**, on Oct. 22, 2019. She was an accomplished journalist and great runner.

We lost another classmate – **David P. Penhallow-Scott**. We knew him as one of the Wilcox Hall guys, cheerleader, thespian and a member of many clubs at Punahou. David graduated from Stanford University, where he studied history, drama and speech. He received his master's degree from University of Southern California, then taught theater at Kamehameha Schools. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned home to fill the director position of Kaua'i Museum. He was also an administrative assistant to Kaua'i

Mayor Tony Kunimura for many years. David changed his name to Penhallow-Scott in honor of his mother, Anna Scott Sloggett, who passed away at 106. David wrote many books, one of which was "The Story of the Coco Palms Hotel: The Grace Buscher Guslander Years 1953-1985." David gave me one of his first books, "After the Ball," and it was hilarious and so much like him. His many stories will be missed. Aloha, David.

Again – tell me what is happening with you and your families, your travels and what's going on. Keep well and healthy. Keep the June 2021 date for our 70th Reunion!

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Mahalo to **Pat Fox** and **Corinne Kong** for their input for these Class notes.

The (new) Kingston Trio was in town in December for a concert at Hawaii Theatre to celebrate their 60th anniversary tour. A few classmates and spouses got together for a nostalgic evening – Mary Lou and **Peter Lewis**, **Barbara Moody** Hudman, Sigi and **Mike McCormack**, May and **Peter Balding** and **Soot Bredhoff**. **Alice Flanders** Guild was unable to join us at the last minute. The last time we were able to enjoy a Kingston Trio concert was at our 50th Reunion when **Bobby Shane** was



Friends from the Class of '52 gathered to have lunch, talk story and keep in touch. Front row, from left: Malcolm Ing, Soot Bredhoff, Corinne Kong and Peter Balding. Back row, from left: Lionel Yukio Tokioka, Alice Flanders Guild, Molly Freeman Cherry, Pat Fox, Peggy Moir Vollmann, Mike McCormack and Kit Smith.

still singing with the group. Sadly, Bobby passed away on Jan. 26, 2020.

Here's a memory from Soot: "Last September my niece, Maile, and I went out to Kualoa Ranch for a visit since I worked there long ago from 1957 to 1960. Nearing the ranch, we passed the road that my good friend, **Marvin Fukumitsu**, once lived on. It brought back memories of Marvin and how he would drive his little canvas topped coupe over the Pali

every day all the way from Hakipu'u to get to school. That was a long drive in those days in a little coupe. Sometimes I ate my brown bag lunch with him in that coupe parked 'Ewa side of the library, below the ROTC building. Another classmate who made it over the Pali every day from Kane'ohe was Mike McCormack. Then there were the "West Siders" who had another long drive from Waipahu and Wahiawa – **George Tamura**, **Harry Takahashi** and **Willy Morioka**. Also the **Maesaka** brothers; **Ray '50**, **John '53** and **Clifford '55** and **Wally Oshiro**, too. Boy, they had to get up early. Those guys had to be out in the field picking the pineapples in the summer, while us city guys worked in the cannery with all the pretty high school girls."

Sorry to report we lost another classmate. One of our "babes," and ROTC sponsor, **Kathy Cadinha** Strong. Kathy settled in Long Beach, California, after marrying and taught school. She is survived by her husband, Carl; and her son and daughter. We all remember the quiet mischievousness behind her sweet smile.

On a happy note – **Pat Fox** shared that her son, Sam Levitz, married Lara Borja (she rode in on a horse!) in a beautiful beach ceremony at the Hawaii Polo Club in August. The happy couple honeymooned in New York City.

We received a note from Jack Faust, who is married to classmate, **Alice Belt** Faust. "Alice is in good health, getting ready for our annual six weeks in Bucerias, on the beach on the Bay of Banderas near Puerto Vallarta. We have all three kids, six of seven grandchildren and our one great-grandchild here in Portland. That gives her plenty to do. We spend time at our house on the beach near Seaside, Oregon. Very nice, uncrowded beach, but the water is too cold to swim in."



These friends gathered in October to cross chopsticks and enjoy tofu puffs and roast duck at Duk Kee in Kaimuki. From left: Steve Gentry, Marcy Lichter '53 Friedman, Mary Ann Burgess '53 McCrea, Phil Ching '48, Gerry Wong '53 Ching, Stuart Ho '53, Paul Kaufmann '53 and Liz Ho.

Reunion. A '52 Reunion newsletter will be sent out detailing what has been planned. Perhaps you have already received it. So you all, stay on alert and know it will be a fun Reunion!

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Can't think of a better way to ring in 2020 than the way our classmates, **Marcy Lichter** Friedman and **Paul Kaufmann**, did on New Year's Day – by joining their lives together in marriage. The couple enjoyed a month-long National Geographic journey to the oceans and islands of the South Pacific. Eight stops and 23,000 miles of travel, as far as Tasmania, Sri Lanka, Singapore, New Caledonia, Bora Bora, Bali and Vanuatu. Included was a visit with '53 classmates on O'ahu, and a very special visit with Paul's best friend, **Roy Oness**, in Hilo. Congratulations and best wishes to Marcy and Paul.

In the last Bulletin, this writer shared the news of the Excellence in Education honor from the Missouri Humanities Council to Dr. **John Maesaka's** son, Robert. This time there's word space to catch up on Dr. Maesaka and some of his current research. One of his research areas is a groundbreaking study on correcting a common misdiagnosis of conditions that mirror "water intoxication," sodium depletion in athletes who drink too much water. Other research areas are kidney disease and dementia.

From the family of **Noel Murchie**:

"Dear Family and Friends: It is with true pain and sorrow that Anna and I share the news that our mother, **Noel Murchie**, 83, passed away peacefully in her sleep. She had endured the last eight years with dignity and grace following a stroke that ended her active lifestyle and placed her in the full-time care of others. As many of you may know, throughout a 46-year span of her life, Noel was a whimsical freelance writer. Our mother was also a true pioneer in the women's long-distance running movement as it unfolded in Hawai'i, competing in and winning dozens of marathons. During her running career, she also participated in a number of 50- and even 100-mile races. Her contribution to the sport was noteworthy. Additionally, Noel was a high school English instructor at Hawai'i School for Girls (La Pietra) on O'ahu, as well as at Seabury Hall on Maui. Before her falling ill, Noel resided for the last 20 years of her life in the quiet woods of Orcas Island, Washington, where she spent her days gardening, writing, running and volunteering her time as a musician in an elderly care home. Noel will be sorely missed by many." A private family service was held in December. I love to remember Noel playing her 'ukulele at kanikapila time. And then, when she and



Classmates from '53 bid a fond aloha to David "Brother" Espinda in November 2019, at Valley of the Temples in Kane'ohe. From left: Stuart Ho, Fern Vannatta Clark, Shippy Kealoha, Cathlen Robinson Zarko, Sam Akana, Gerry Wong Ching, Warren Von Arnswaldt, Charles Black and Ian Birnie.

Bob Vieira chimed in to share that he was a winner of the Aloha 'Aina REALTOR Awards program, commending him on his professionalism and dedication to the community. Congratulations, Bob!

An informal group has been gathering every once in a while to have lunch, talk story and keep in touch. Sometimes it is an out of town, like Soot Bredhoff and Mike McCormack, or **Lionel Yukio Tokioka** and

Charley Cooke. We have tried to contact as many local classmates as we have contacts for, but we do need updates. Anyone wishing to join in the fun please contact Mike at aloha2mike@hotmail.com, **Peggy Moir** Vollmann at ppvoll@gmail.com or **Corinne Kong** at ckong808@gmail.com. Spouses and friends are all welcome to join us!

Alice Flanders Guild has formed an ad hoc group to start planning our 70th (gasp!)



Pat Fox '52 celebrated the marriage of her son, Sam Levitz, to Lara Borja at the Hawaii Polo Club in Moleleia, alongside her daughter, Hanna Levitz.



Throwback to 1981! Class of '54 enjoying a party at Judy Landau Gertner's house in Costa Mesa, California. Front row, from left: Sandra Sheffield Graddy, Marybelle Frank Cody, Mary Bell Fox Blackstone, Marcia Reed Wythes and Judy Landau Gertner. Back row, from left: Davis Tuggle, Peter Law, Anajean Altman, Barbara Mullen Anderson, Sally Sheik Hinckley and Tom Piper.

Jean Kwon played together, that is when the fun began!

Our Yahoo Class site members checked on **Dick Zieber's** widow, Dottie, during the recent California wildfires. "Thanks, everyone ... I am back home now. The wind is quieter, and they are getting the fire contained. Still some smoke expected, but we are certainly relieved. No more neighborhood watch around the clock."

And more Yahoo site news, this time from **Malcolm Anderson**. "Hello there fellow Punahou alums. Just saw the Yahoo group mention. I have indeed been lurking for many years. I am hanging in there. Retired for 19 years as a clinical social worker with Santa Barbara County mental health services. Still active in choral groups, including several overseas concert tours; and play duplicate bridge regularly as a Bronze Life Master. My oldest grandchild is now a fresh(person) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. How about that? Wish all of you the best, as we traverse the 80s, and further our postgraduate medical education with seemingly evermore frequent doctor's visits."

Margaret Bell Merrion attended her brother's 90th birthday celebration on O'ahu in November, and had a chance to cross chopsticks with **Stuart Ho**, **Gerry Wong** Ching and **Ian Birnie**.

Aloha pumehana, Dorinda

Class of 1954

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Note to all alumni who read this Bulletin ... take lots of pictures through the years of you having a good time, because you never know when a classmate will come up with an oldie, and you wanna be there!

It was a gala event at **Judy Landau Gertner's** home in Orange County in about 1980. We were having fun reuniting when this great photo was taken. Oh, to be with these joyous classmates again!! Our 65th Class Reunion memories will be with us forever! Everyone at the Reunion looked "familiar," and those who didn't were usually spouses or a guest, and all were active and up for whatever activity was going on. The campus is different now, but still so familiar are our old majestic buildings – Old School Hall, Alexander and Bingham Halls. The refrain of "O'ahu a," brought many a nostalgic tear.

Peter Law reports that he was honored at the Reno National Championship Air Races with the 2019 Person of the Year award for his engineering contributions to aircraft speed and safety enhancements for the fastest propeller-driven aircraft, which have been raced at Reno each year since 1964. It was effectively a lifetime achievement award by his peers for his dedication to his work for over the past 56 years. An article in the December issue of Air Classics Magazine, which summarizes the 2019 race results,

includes a description of Pete's participation and accomplishments over the years. His class of racing vehicles includes modified World War II fighter aircraft racing at 100 feet above the ground, around a nine-mile, semi-circular race course at speeds of up to, and sometimes exceeding, a 500 mph average. A few of the past Space Shuttle pilots have participated in these races. A few years ago, one of them won the final big Gold race at an average speed of 489 MPH in a very highly modified P-51D Mustang. "This sort of explains in a nut shell what I work on throughout each year in my spare time. I usually work on between five and 15 planes each year at the races. What I do is the engineering calculations for all the internal systems that make the airplanes very fast and safe, so the pilots can have fun racing. I am always there to help solve problems or concerns that inevitably come up with some of the airplanes." That Peter is a busy fellow ... How he has time for all this, and to drive everywhere, keeping in touch with his wide range of friends. I know ... he has Joanne with him every moment, keeping him right on target.

Just after Thanksgiving, I received a sad call. Our long time Class favorite, **Eddie Rogers**, passed away at his home in Perth, Australia. Born and raised in Waikapu, Maui, Eddie came to Punahou in the seventh grade. He lived in the boys dorm and was an athletic standout not only at Punahou, but was one of the many from our Class that went to Oregon State University (OSU). He was a tackle on the '57 OSU football team, and that was the year his

team went to the Rose Bowl and played Iowa State. Eddie's career was unique: teaching in Maui, Western Australia, in different levels and advancing degrees. Later in life, he opened Bumsteads, an American-style cafe, in Perth. Always a good storyteller, we will not forget his wonderfully theatrical take on pidgin. We will miss that big "hunk of man" that was Eddie. A hui hou kakou, big guy!

Aloha, MB

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Thus do we, at this writing, bring a close to the decade of the "teens." 'Twas an eventful epoch, during which most of us embarked upon our 9th decade. Gadzooks!

In 2019, **Jim Scott '70** passed the leadership baton to **Mike Latham '86**, and a new era of Punahou life commenced. To how much of that progression we will bear witness depends on what fate allows.



Wahine from the Class of '57 celebrate Betty Hay Wodehouse Freeland's kanawalu – her 80th birthday! From left: Linda Cunningham Hutchinson, May Nekota Moore, Betty Neary Alberts, Betty Hay Wodehouse Freeland, Sharon Cook Fairbanks and Laurel Wood Leslie.

Very scant news from our classmates. **Doug Kilpatrick** suggested we stage a haiku poetry contest. Each week, a '57er emails me a haiku (5-7-5-syllable format). I will collect and print the best haiku each quarter.

Example:

Ears, snout, tail and lips
Rest of piggy grows to hog
Still fodder for SPAM



Classmates from the Class of '56 celebrate Penny Foster Garrity's birthday. Seated, from left: Penny, Patti Soule Anderson and Gordon Beaton. Standing: Eva Miyahara Kama, Ulu Boyle Friese and Barbara Kong Vlachos.



FORE! Hovey Harris '56 Vogel watched Allisen Corpuz '16 (left) and Mariel Galdiano '16 (right) play golf in Hobe Sound, Florida. Allisen and Mariel are on the Curtis Cup Team, a very prestigious group that will play in England in June.



Gorgeous pa'u riders at the 2019 Old Hawai'i on Horseback pageant held at Waiki'i Ranch on Hawai'i Island. From left: Friend Karen FitzGerald, Kathleen "Pudding" Burke '57 Lassiter and Pat "Cheeta" Wall '56 Wilson.

Sound like fun? Think you would do it? Chance 'um!

Back in October, **Juju Pang** and I visited **H.J. Hollinger** at his caregiver's home in Wahiawa. We brought takeout saimin from Shige's, which was well received. He looks terrific and recalls with pleasure his big 80th party, and only needs a girlfriend to make his life whole.

Had some fine reminiscing sessions with **Jamie Hunter** in December. In college, I bunked with Jamie at Yale University. We shared great memories of Camp Erdman, Cub Scouts and old Waialae-Kahala when it was largely pig and duck farms.

Betty Neary Alberts submitted Pearl Harbor remembrances, recalling the Japanese submarines that hung around off Maui, and that her mom went to work at NASKA until the end of World War II, then went back to teaching. Those times made huge impressions on us small kids growing up on the cusp of the Pacific Theatre.

"Tiger" **Tom Metcalf** closed 2019 with observations on 70 years with his lovely bride: "Companionship is a precious commodity, which we relish, although there are times when Tutu says, 'we are together too much,' so I disappear to the computer room to compose emails to former students such as myself. It is all in good fun. Must now prepare the house for our last Christmas here with entire family of close to 20, which all began with only the two of us in 1948. Good wishes and cheer. Give my regards to any former students who might remember me."



Butch Robinson's '58 classmates gathered at Central Union Church to celebrate his life. First row, from left: Lorna Larsen-Jeyte, Kathy Townsend Muller-Baldwin, Buddy McGuire, Patti Cheeley Singlehurst and Jean Nishigaya Yokoyama-McDonald. Back row, from left: Bob Corboy, Jim Altman, Mike Durant, Linda Reynolds Carlson, Eppy Cantlay '44 Kerr, Puchi Makinney Romig and Nani Kong Ho.



Steve Clarey '58 and his daughter, Ashley Clarey '87, at the Torres del Paine National Park, Chile.

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Steve Clarey reports taking his daughter, **Ashley Clarey '87**, to Patagonia for two weeks to celebrate her 50th birthday. Steve's wife, Bonnie, meanwhile, heroically took on babysitting duties for Ashley's 5-year-old daughter in Connecticut. Steve says he has successfully beaten back a year of medical challenges and continues his leadership role at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at University of California San Diego. He recommends your local OLLI for an informative and engaging intellectual experience.

There was a wonderful service for **Butch Robinson** at Central Union Church last November. There were many classmates on hand when **Larry Johnson** and **Jim Altman** spoke on behalf of the Class. Butch was one of the few classmates enrolled in Punahou's junior primary class (pre-kindergarten) and continued through to graduation. It was the only pre-kindergarten class Punahou ever had.

As of this writing a few of our Class members have already turned 80. I am about to do so soon. Some have chosen to celebrate the event with a party, but I have opted to get away to Australia and watch some of the Australian Open tennis matches. However, with the fires creating very poor air quality I may have to make alternate plans. So, not much else to report. I suppose the shock of turning 80 has caused a lot of silent reflection. Please keep in touch and let me know how you are dealing with life as an elderly citizen.

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Muffie Wall Dominick forwarded another great Civil Beat article by **Denby Fawcett**, published in November 2019. The article focuses on homelessness and the remarkable life of Kimo Carvalho and what he has done to help alleviate an incredibly complex and difficult situation. Kimo, by the way, is the grandnephew of our late classmate, **A.K. Jacobsen**. It is a moving story.

Denby wrote, "Kimo Carvalho has moved to a new job but he will be missed as the spokesman for The Institute for Human Services, O'ahu's largest and oldest homeless services provider. Kimo's mother is still homeless on the streets of Honolulu. When he was a toddler his mother's friends thought it would be fun to burn him with a crystal meth pipe. He still has the scar. Yet, he has made a life helping others. He has taught news reporters like me, cops, clergy, tourism officials and policymakers about the complexities of homelessness. Why there is no single solution. If you want to know more about Kimo, here is a link to my latest column in Honolulu Civil Beat." <https://bit.ly/30vfXTP>

Vicky Hollinger was one of four who assembled a massive collection of 260 Hawaiian songs with about 40 hapa-haole songs, first published in 2003 after two years of hard work. In 2019, they won the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame first-ever literary award for "He Mele Aloha." The book is in its 15th printing and has

worldwide distribution. The emphasis is on accurate Hawaiian lyrics and translation. Simple chording and fingering for the 'ukulele is shown for each song. The lyrics are large for easy reading with plenty of room to make notes in the workbook style format. All profits go to the Lunalilo Home for Hawai'i's kupuna. Our congratulations to Vicky for yet another remarkable accomplishment in her life of authentic Hawaiian music!

Many of us remember the numerous plays at Punahou where **Lionel Craven** had various acting roles. Well, he hasn't quit! For about seven years Lionel has been studying hula with Kumu Patrick Makuakane, a legend in Hawai'i and San Francisco. Lionel has been a part of two annual shows, which according to Muffie Wall Dominick, are absolutely magnificent and something very special. Way to keep going, Lionel.

And now we have another author in our Class! **Vicky Heldreich** Liljestrand, using the pen name Vicky Heldreich Durand, has written "Wave Woman: The Life and Struggles of a Pioneer," a compelling story of Vicky's dynamic mother, Betty Pembroke Heldreich, who became a champion surfer. Before that great accomplishment, Betty developed a drive for creativity and self-sufficiency that formed a solid foundation for her own self-confidence and happiness. She was a pioneer surfer at Makaha and competitive in big wave surfing championships. She was among the first women to compete in Lima, Peru, where she won first place in the women's division in an international surf competition in 1956. This continuous demonstration of progressive endurance passed on to Vicky. "Wave Women" will be released in April 2020. It sounds like inspirational reading! For more information, visit: wavewomanbook.com.



Liz Howard '60 varnishing chairs as part of a Rotary service project in Lamphun, Thailand, in November 2019.



The Class of 1960 lunch bunch met up at the Outrigger Canoe Club in December 2019. Front row, from left: Carol Morse Wilcox, Connie Hastert, Gaylord Wilcox and Likelike Davis. Back row, from left: Curtis Wheeler, Lee Boynton Hoxie, Jerry Pang, Dave Benson, Dale Summers Bachman, Marie Flynn Bernhard, John Kobayashi, Jimmy Haynes, Bevin Bacon Cushnie, Stew Brissette and Peter Steiner.



Friends from Class of '61 celebrated classmate Dianne Hallsted Arguelles' visit from Tennessee, with a pa'ina at Cosette Morrison Harm's wonderful home in Lanikai. From left: Jed Hirota, Maile Chinn Wilkerson, Carolynn Goodlin Griffith, Sharon Botelho Elwell, Jackie Seifert Collins, Cosette, Diane, Meymo Lemon Rego and Anson Rego.

In early December we received notice that **Doug Snyder** had passed away at home in Palominas, Arizona. He pursued his lifetime focus on astronomy for many years after leaving the Silicon Valley area, where the bright lights made astronomy difficult. Palominas does not have a problem with lights and has a significant number of astronomers living there. While in pursuit of his passion, he built his own observatory and he discovered a comet and an asteroid. Doug was very well regarded in the astronomy community. Another astronomer named an asteroid after him. Doug is survived by his wife, Jean; and daughters, Coral and Corinna. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

Sad news from **Sara Newberg King**. Her husband, Ronald, died just before Christmas. He sounds like an amazing person, a man of faith and science. Their three children, Alan, Joel and Elaine, were able to fly home in time to say goodbye to him. There will be a memorial service for him in the summer of 2020, in Rochester, Minnesota, where the couple lived most of their 52 years together. Sara shared the news while on a cruise with her children and grandchildren that her husband had planned to go on. Much aloha from the Class.

Many of our classmates are busy making the world a better place. **Jimmy and Honey Bun Auld '62 Haynes** have been especially generous with their time, talents and funds. In November, they were honored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Aloha Chapter as part of the celebration of National Philanthropy Day. Several articles in various local publications have attempted to list the many, many good projects in which they've been involved in, particularly on Maui, where they live. Since I'm allowed only a limited number of words, I won't be able to list them here, but ... wow!



Jimmy '60 and Honey Bun Auld '62 Haynes were honored as Outstanding Philanthropists at the 2019 Philanthropy Day luncheon on Nov. 13, 2019, by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Aloha Chapter.

Mike and **Margie Kepner** Durant have long been involved in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The annual NAMIWalk in October 2019, was their 10th year leading a team named in memory of their son, the Jay Walkers team. Sixty walkers turned out for their team, and shortly after the event, Margie reported that they had raised over \$22,000. The event as a whole raised \$73,000 and involved 855 walkers. Honorary chairs, Lieutenant Governor Josh Green and Honolulu Police Chief Susan Ballard spoke about innovative new programs to address mental health issues in Hawai'i.

Liz Howard likes to pair good work with vacation. In November 2019, for the third time, Liz went on a service project and pleasure trip. This one included 30 Rotary Club members from Honolulu who worked to rehabilitate a YMCA in Lamphun, Thailand. Liz writes: "We built a roof for a carport, laid pavers in their yard so the cars could drive on to the property, and assembled 300 chairs, as well as other manual labor. The rest of the trip was the vacation part ... Leong Prabang, Laos and Hanoi, Sapa and Halong Bay in Vietnam." The scenery was spectacular, especially in Halong Bay, and Liz particularly remembers doing early morning tai chi on the deck of their river cruise boat.

A note from **Connie Hastert** with a newspaper clipping let us know that **Jim Higgins's** granddaughter, Emi, who was a soccer superstar at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, and is now a freshman at Colorado School of Mines, has been named to the All-

RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) first team. Connie says Jim is very proud ... and rightfully so!

Class of 1961

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It seems, dear classmates, that we have stepped over into the year 2020. Congratulations!

On Dec. 21, 2019, **Steve Harris's** special partner, Kris Larronde, celebrated her 75th birthday at their new house on Lurline Drive. Together, they have transformed the piles of dirt and lava rock hill behind their house into a lovely, terraced sculpture with robust plants at each level. Three classmates, Steve, **Charles Ehrhorn** and I, were onhand for the festive celebration.

More house news: **Dianne Hallsted Arguelles** and husband, Richard, sold their home in the beach community of Mexico's Puerto Vallarta and bought a new place in Tellico Village, Tennessee. Dianne was on O'ahu to attend her daughter's wedding. Eight of her classmate pals gathered to pa'ina with her at **Cosette Morrison Harms'** charming Lanikai home, which overlooks Kailua Bay.

Linda Gager Oba is making a difference in the Islands and beyond. Here is her story. "This past year I have just stayed home – nice and relaxing. After Joe died, I took a part-time lecturer/instructor job with University of

Hawai'i – West O'ahu, teaching a seminar to pre-teacher candidates. Loved every minute, especially the contact it offered to keep me connected socially and intellectually. I did that for six years – but then my car and I just got tired of going out to Kapolei, so I resigned. For the past 11 years I have kept connected to the



Bob Warren '61 and his wife, Dee Dee, took this portrait on a South Seas cruise in 2019.

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A few Punahou friends enjoyed a mini reunion dinner at North Beach Restaurant in San Francisco. From left are John Olson '62, Leslie Hitch '65 Dunbar, Kip Dunbar '63, Diane Halford, Peter Halford '62, and Jill Roehrig '61 Olson. John Olson and Peter Halford were in San Francisco in the early '70s. While John attended law school, Peter was a surgical resident at San Francisco General Hospital. After 43 years, Peter has retired from his surgical practice.

Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility in Kailua, where I tutor boys, and sometimes a girl or two, to prepare them to take the GED tests. Have gotten 60+ boys through this exam to attain a high school diploma. This is my volunteer work of which I am very proud – and I love every minute of it. I love Maunawili and my



Class of 1963 seventh graders in Mrs. Valentine's homeroom. From left: David Stubenberg, Danny Eubanks '64, Sally Canham, Barbara Dankert and Dale Bonar.

house. I still mow the lawn, clean the pool and maintain my house. Will think about moving to a condo in three years or so, or when I turn 80. Ha! Ha! We'll see. I am fine physically and usually mentally, but emotionally – just sad. Last year, good friends passed away, lots of them, and sometimes it seems there are more friends and family on the other side than here, most recently our classmates Marie Murphy Hara and Lee Summers Wild. Connecting with Carol Kaulukukui has been such a joy. And we do have fun at dinners and lunch. Too cool, is all I can say."

Class of 1962

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As I write this column, 2019 is about to turn into 2020 and, more than ever, I am amazed at how quickly we raced through this year. Hopefully the year was a happy and healthy one for you and 2020 will be more of the same.

Congratulations are in order and sent along to Ron Cox, who was honored in October by his college alma mater, University of Washington, with the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Veteran Award. After completing his military commitment in the U.S. Army, Ron attended the University of Washington School of Law, graduating in 1973. He remained in Washington, became a litigator and judge on the Washington State Court of Appeals. He retired from the court in 2018, and is now enjoying "the good life" with his wife, Jean.



On Nov. 11, 2019, The Hon. Ronald E. Cox '62 was recognized as the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Veteran at the University of Washington Alumni Association at the UW Veterans Day Ceremony and reception.

Mike Befeler just keeps writing and writing, and we, his loyal readers, couldn't be happier! In 2019, he published two new mystery books – "Paradise Court" and "The Front Wing." He also found time to teach a fiction writing course for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University in Long Beach! Well done, Mike! Can't wait to read the new novels!

Received Christmas greetings from Linda Sutton Kemp, Carolyn and Mike Gillespie, Carl and Carol Yates Lehman, Tom and Gail Young Brandon and all seem to be doing well, with lots of talk about fun time spent with grandkids during the year. Grandchildren are indeed a blessing. Leonard and I, too, love spending time with ours!

I am hoping this new year will bring you all peace, happiness and good health. I hope to hear from you soon with lots of good news to share!

Class of 1963

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Happy birthday to us! Happy birthday to us! (Imagine musical notes emoji here.) We are celebrating our 75th birthday in Honolulu, in August. Thomas Kosasa is inviting all of us (plus one) to a delicious dinner at the Oahu Country Club. We will also have a potluck kanikapila at a lovely, as yet undecided, location. BYO 'ukulele! RSVP for details to punahou63@gmail.com. Let me know if you will need transportation to our events, or if you would be able to assist with a carpool. Our



Class of 1963 Alumni Glee Club carolers, in white, at One Kalakaua. From left: Rae Kong Gorman, Mary-Thelma Olson Schlink, Sally Tyrrell Lyles, Linda Haynes Abbott, Elizabeth Wight, Pixie St. Denis, Verna Chun-Hoon Pang, Rodney Moriyama and Robby Estes. Verna was visiting her 106-year-old mother.

Class contingent of the Alumni Glee Club will perform for us.

Winston Jamile and his halau friends celebrated the Christmas season with a fundraiser lu'au in Concord, California, to enable them to attend the Kona Kupuna Hula Festival in September 2020. That is a good time to be in Kona and Waimea for the many events listed at konaweb.com: Taste of the Hawaiian Range Agricultural Festival, Paniolo Parade, etc. Please email punahou63@gmail.com if you would like Winston's contact information. Mahalo!

Our former classmate, Dr. Joseph Daniel "Danny" Eubanks III '64, passed away in November after a short illness. Many of us remember Danny from Bishop Hall days. George Tinker remembers him from Boy Scouts. Danny graduated with the Class of 1964, majored in psychology at Tulane University, and completed a Ph.D. in neuropsychology at the University of Houston. He married Jo Beth Barnes of San Antonio, Texas, where he eventually spent over 30 years as a board-certified neuropsychologist in private practice. He was one of the first neuropsychologists to serve as a consultant to the National Football League, and was active in the American Psychology Association and other professional organizations. He and Jo Beth retired in 2012 to live in Kona, where he saw patients part-time and continued his passions of cooking and cruising. His sister, Barbara Eubanks '68 Pereira, and her husband, Nathan, live in nearby Waikoloa.

Sydney "Syd" Alexander Kraul Jr., our classmate from second through 10th grade, passed away on Dec. 23, 2019, at his residence in Kailua-Kona. He is survived by his wife, Lois Diane Kraul. Syd was an aquaculture researcher and owner of Pacific Planktonics, a member of World Aquaculture Society, and a U.S. Navy veteran. Balbi Atherton Brooks remembers, "... in fourth grade, his mother brought a birthday cake to school and I thought it was my mother who brought it for me. Syd was the first person I ever met who was born the same day as me. Ran into him once on the Big Island at a Kona Historical Society event. He called me several times on our birthday. In our 50th Reunion yearbook, Syd said, 'My most inspiring teacher at Punahou was Mr. Bowles, who taught me to love biology, and set me on that career path ... My first attempt at college failed; I was riding freight trains instead of going to classes at University of Oregon. So I served four years in the U.S. Navy, as a sonarman, sailing mostly near Vietnam, which paid my way via G.I. Bill back into college ... My happiest times were probably when I was 35 – 50 years old, developing hatchery methods for mahimahi at the Waikiki Aquarium ... I now own my own marine fish hatchery in Kona, at the Natural Energy Lab. I have never been rich in money, but have been very lucky in finding ways to do what I enjoy.'"

Bucket list books not to miss: "Confessions of an Eco-Sinner: Tracking Down the Sources of My Stuff" by British author Fred Pearce is fascinating, informative and thought-provoking. It is one of the most interesting books I have

ever read. Also, for gardeners, farmers and ranchers, "Kiss the Ground: How the Food You Eat Can Reverse Climate Change, Heal Your Body & Ultimately Save Our World" by Josh Tickell. And for the truly brave, "Green Barbarians: Live Bravely On Your Home Planet" by Ellen Sandbeck helps one further down the path to less toxic living.

See you at our 75th birthday party!



Longtime Alumni Glee Club member, Mary Elizabeth Gladding '63 Bacon, who passed away in 2018, is missed by fellow Glee Club members as she now sings with a heavenly choir.



Class of '64 globetrotters, Tyler Yajima, Loretta Luke Yajima, Tina Chun Chung, and Tina's husband Steve, traveled to Western China and visited Tibet and Jiuzhaigou National Park, a UNESCO Heritage site at 15,420 feet above sea level.



John Clark, Candace Lee and George Engebretson from the Class of '64 were recognized at the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association's annual Ka Palapala Po'okela awards. John received the Honorable Mention award for his book, "Kalaupapa Place Names: Waikolu to Nihoa." Candace wrote the introduction to Sandra Bonura's "Light in the Queen's Garden," and accepted the Award of Excellence in the nonfiction category. As publisher at Watermark Publishing, George accepted the Honorable Mention award in the special interest category for "The Musubi Book."



Daryl '65 and Amy Sato visited the Tetrapylon of Aphrodisias in Turkey, with the Punahou Alumni Travel Program.

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It's not too late! **Ellen Wheeler** Guest still has flash drives of 506 photos from our 55th Reunion last summer, available for \$9.99 (or \$2.99 for a CD disc). You need to get this if you haven't yet, so email Ellen at EllenGuest@mac.com. All she needs to know is which format you want, and the address of your most convenient Costco. You pay and pickup at the store. Hey! Do it! You can use it to keep the grandkids bored all day long!

George Mills recently retired from a 50-year career at the University of Puget Sound. Like most of the energized bunnies from our Class, he continues to work assisting college students with career planning, and enjoys fishing and spending time with his diverse Hawai'i family.

Ken Chang continues to break new ground, literally. He is currently developing at 328-unit high-rise condo in Kaka'ako, called Ililani. Classmate **Bill Yuen** has been handling the legal aspects for Ken for the past two years.

The Class of '64 just keeps working to change the world for the better. Another case in point, **Barbara Breneman** Inatsugu, who hasn't written to us in the past, but has read our Class notes religiously since graduation. In 1982, Barbara settled in Southern California, where she lives with her husband of 52 years, and stays very active in California politics.

Primarily, Barbara has been heavily involved with the League of Women Voters, serving as the state president, and 16 years as the California League's program director. She also serves on the state's PTA board of managers. You can reach Barbara at inatsugub@aol.com.

Late last year, the Class of '64 was mightily represented at the Hawai'i Book Publishers annual Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards ceremony by **John Clark, Candace Lee** and **George Engebretson**. John was recognized for his book "Kalaupapa Place Names: Waikolu to Nihoa." Candace wrote the introduction to



Classmates Kathy Mahan '65 and Jane Power '65 recently reconnected, and it turns out they live in the same Seattle neighborhood. Here they are with Punahou director of gift planning, Carrie Ogami, at Cafe Flora in Seattle. From left: Kathy Mahan, Carrie Ogami and Jane Power.

Sandra Bonura's "Light in the Queen's Garden: Ida May Pope, Pioneer for Hawai'i's Daughters." As publisher at Watermark Publishing, George accepted the honorable mention award for "The Musubi Book."

As I am writing this, **Anni Rinehart** has plans to attend Carnival this year, along with her sisters, **Mindy Rinehart '58** Finnegan and **Judy Rinehart '61**. What IS it about Punahou that keeps us coming back, year after year?

We recently heard from **Nick Prukop** for the first time in several years, and as usual, he has a tale to tell. A lifelong fitness enthusiast, Nick was blindsided by a truck while biking near his home in Orange County, California. After recovering from eight broken ribs, he is back at work again as a fitness trainer. You can pick up a few tips from our Ironman at healthyhappyfit.com.

Well, we've put the 55th Reunion to rest. Now what? It's time to put the "75 in Sonoma" mini reunion on your calendar – the dates are definite, May 24 – May 27, 2021. We credit **John** and **Carolyn Lundquist Madison** for this. Here's where YOU come in: if you want to join us in Sonoma for our 75th birthday and 57th Reunion party in May 2021, please let John and Carolyn, and **Dewey** and **Sue Budd Watson** know as soon as possible, at johnsmadison@aol.com, and dewey@tw2law.com. They have already

reserved the Bishop Ranch again, so don't put this off. Get your name in now. So far, about 75 classmates have sent their reservations. Do it now.

At the end of 2019, **Barbara Holmes** hosted a Punahou party at her home, and it was another grand get-together of Class of '64 mates, including John and Carolyn Lundquist Madison, Anni Rinehart, **Merrily Doran** Labarthe, Dewey and Sue Budd Watson, **Lynne Baer**. They were all so busy partying, they forgot to take pitcha.

Class of 1965

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- Chuck Braden
- Elaine Garrett Evans
- Cordy Dowsett MacLaughlin
- Robby Ostrem
- Daryl Sato

Daryl Sato and his wife, Amy, have enjoyed the luxury travel tours with the Punahou Alumni Travel Program. In 2019, they visited Turkey and stayed in a cave hotel in Cappadocia with a view of the famous "fairy chimneys." While on a balloon ride, they had a bird's eye view of the magical landscape.

Carrie Ogami, Punahou's director of gift planning, recently caught up with two LXV classmates in Seattle: **Jane Power** and **Kathy Mahan**. Jane and Kathy were close friends at Punahou, but lost touch after leaving for college. They reconnected through their brothers, **Scott Power '69** and **Jim Mahan '69**. Turns out Jane and Kathy live in the same Seattle neighborhood, and Kathy has passed Jane's house many times on her daily walks. They won't lose touch again!

John Yearwood, who resides in Austin, Texas, recently published his third novel, "The Gender of Fire." His email said: "It is a continuation of 'The Icarus Jump' (first book) and 'The City and the Gate' (second book). Available on Amazon, Kindle and iBooks. I'll do the audio version sometime this month, so it will join the first two on Audible. The three novels are in the epic fantasy genre and follow the story of a modern Army Ranger whose parachute jump mysteriously sends him 4,000 years into the past and the middle of a Bronze Age war. I've enjoyed writing it. I have a fourth book circulating to agents about an eighth grader, who writes a lie detector app for his iPhone."

Sadly, John reports that **Gail Meredith** passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in September at her home in Florida. He emailed that "she had been an avid environmentalist and dedicated much of her late life in saint-like zeal



Punahou friends and family enjoyed fall in the Big Apple! Classmates, Cindy Hess '67 Whittmore and Anne Ashford '67 (center), along with Cindy's daughter, Brett Ritchie (left), and sister, Leslie Hess '73 Kissner (right), outside the NBC Studio in New York City, where they joined the audience for The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon.

protecting sea turtles and Florida gulf coast lagoons. Never one to hold her tongue, she made enemies among those she held accountable for the destruction of nature. I think it is safe to say that she is greatly missed."

Our two classmates, **Mike Hollinger** of Walnut Creek and **Malcolm Tom** of Honolulu, suffered strokes in 2019, but "both are doing great" reports **Robby Ostrem**. You can't keep these guys down. In fact, Robby and Daryl Sato play golf regularly with Malcolm.

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From **Louise King Lanzilotti**:

Aloha, classmates.

I recently had a laughter-filled lunch meet up with **Susan Cutting MacEachern**, who has written a fictionalized trilogy titled "The Sleeping Moose Saga." These books tell of her life and adventures in Alaska, in the '70s. Susan writes that "the saga is a modern twist on Emerson's transcendental approach to life ... inspired by [English teacher] Webster Caye and our study of 19th century American poets." She gifted me a copy and I thoroughly enjoyed reading about her life in the wild. The books are written under the name, Atwood Cutting.

During the last Hawai'i Public Radio membership drive, **Doug Johnson** wrote and sent me a copy of his album, "Doug and Dan," with Doug on rhythm guitar and vocals, and Dan Toft on steel guitar and mandolin. It's a lovely collection of Hawaiian music and flashbacks to music of earlier times.

From **Charlot Albao Boll**:

Happy springtime to all our classmates! Thank you to those who have contributed to our notes this issue.

Elaine Lange reports that she and her husband, Craig, are traveling again. "We spent the last school year in Egypt, working with adults and kids in Reshape – a new soccer club in the Pro League that requires 51-percent Muslim makeup in every team. The community building has been incredible and wonderful. Reshape Egypt is on Facebook if you ever want to see some really great stuff."

Congratulations to **Craig Hirai**, who was appointed by Hawai'i Gov. David Ige to lead Hawai'i's Department of Budget and Finance. Craig had served as executive director of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation since 2013. In a press release Gov. Ige said, "Craig's extensive experience and knowledge, along with his administrative skill set will serve our state well ... I am elated that Craig has agreed to come onboard as a member of my cabinet."

Thanks to our *Punahou Class of 1966* Facebook page, we get glimpses of **Marice Stubbart** Woodruff's life in Oregon through her

brehtaking photos. It was great being able to get the real scoops directly from her. (Thanks, Marice.) "I retired from teaching and decided to go to work in the local post office boxing mail, so that I could meet my neighbors in the rural area that I had moved into. I met my neighbors, sold stamps, mailed packages and boxed mail for 10 years, which was fun, until it wasn't. Now, I am retired completely, and live a quiet life of volunteerism and hermitude (If that isn't a word, it ought to be.) My location near the Central Oregon Coast allows me to roam the Coast Range and the coastlines taking pictures or just appreciating what nature offers. My two boys are grown and happy in their life journeys. Robert lives near me in Oregon and Clint lives wherever the Army posts him. Clint is married and has two children. They are experiencing Upstate New York this winter at Fort Drum. Robert works from his home managing a tech department for a property management company based in Salt Lake City, Utah, so he gets to travel some, which he likes. Me, well, I live alone now with my pets and the wildlife on my property. It is a good life and I am having fun living it. There are lots of Hawai'i people who live in the area, and our little beach town has acquired some aloha spirit. It is a sleepy slow town during the winter and crazy with tourists during the summer. Not all that different from Hawai'i in the '50s. There are Punahou alumni events in Portland and Eugene that seem too far to go to these days. A few classmates are in the state, but none reside close by. I stay in touch via the social media and that seems to be satisfactory."

Congratulations and job well done to **Suzu Kometani** Lafontaine, who is officially retired after working at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children for 35 years. She is enjoying life and her family. She always reminds me that life is precious and that time with our loved ones should never be taken for granted. Hear! Hear!

Big hugs! Take good care, dear classmates! Can't wait to see you all again!

Class of 1967

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Hi, classmates:

You all did not get the usual email from me asking for news and photos because with changes in software, I could not access my database of Class email addresses. I am now trying to reestablish the database, which as you might imagine is not too exciting, but necessary. Those of you reading this without any prior email from me, you have two options: One is to join Facebook, then join the group *67 Punahou Classmates*; another is to be patient knowing that group emails to classmates will restart after I reestablish the database for group emails.



Diane and David Black '68 with a Masai tribesman on their 10-day camera safari to Tanzania in November.

I posted a request on our *67 Punahou Classmates* group Facebook page for news be sent to me for our Class notes. Hooray ... there is some news to share.

From **Cindy Hess** Whittmore: "**Anne Ashford** and I, along with my daughter, Brett Ritchie, and sister, **Leslie Hess '73** Kissner, spent five days in New York City celebrating my 70th birthday last fall. We saw "Moulin Rouge" on Broadway, toured The 9/11 Memorial & Museum and the Guggenheim. Lots of walking! The highlight was a backstage tour and personal seating for "The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon." After the Big Apple, Anne met up with family and friends to visit Acadia National Park, and my husband, Tom, joined me to continue on to Ireland for a three-week road trip. A birthday to remember!"

Kudos to all classmates on Facebook who help us share our lives in real time. Seriously, continue sharing. I heard this recently on a Korean soap opera and it stuck with me. "We create a relationship by growing our roots in the heart of another." Why is this compelling? Because roots cannot grow without sharing.

Send your blessings to **Dana Vivas-Tambay**, **Charles Noland** and **Ron Gould**. May they rest in peace.

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The year 2019 ended with **Kyle Metcalf** staying out of O'ahu's winter surf for three weeks in December, as he was recovering from cataract surgery. Kyle's daughter, **Kaitlyn Metcalf '03**, was home for the holidays with her husband, Tom. Kaitlyn is a post-production producer for Bunim Murray Productions in Glendale, California. She is currently working on a documentary about prison reform featuring Kim Kardashian.

Ken and **Donna Lee Sandler** Harris celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary with a Christmas vacation in Honolulu with their two sons, Chris and Kevin and their wives, and their granddaughter, Laurene. Christmas travelers included **Rob Evans** in Kaua'i, **Martha Sylva** Ellman in Florida, and **Becky Walker** Columbus on a Disney cruise in the Bahamas. **Susan Thoma** Carberry sailed on a Carnival Cruise in December, from Los Angeles to Catalina Island, then Ensenada. Mary Jane and **Eric Greenwood** spent Christmas in Hong Kong, with their son, Sam, who is studying at Hong Kong University and is looking at going into finance in private equity upon graduation

in October. **Clare Rogers** Rundall emailed that she spent December on a tramping tour of New Zealand in preparation for turning 70 by climbing over a stile on the wild west coast of the South Island and in the Red Crater on the Tangoriro Crossing besides touring the North Island. **Peter Fitzgerald** and his wife, Judy Butler, cruised into retirement with a wonderful Viking River cruise in November from Amsterdam to Budapest, through Germany and Austria via the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. Peter said they enjoyed amazing food, ancient castles, cobblestone streets, smoked beer in Bamberg, Germany, watching an early morning exercise session for the Lipizzaner Stallions at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna and an a cappella men's singing group in a Budapest cathedral. The Fitzgeralds were off to Vietnam in March. **Bob Brooks** and his primatologist wife, Carolyn Crockett, continued their wandering ways, enjoying a monthlong tour of Machu Picchu and the Peruvian Amazon in the fall. They saw eight species of monkeys, giant otters, tapir, capybara, tayra, snakes, caiman and countless birds. **Marcy Greenwell** loved her first visit to Puerto Vallarta in January. Lonnie and **Drew Braun** spent time in Italy in October. **Tim '58** and **Devon Darrow Guard** were thrilled with their three-week camera safari to Kenya, Tanzania and the Serengeti in early 2019. The safari used modified Land Cruisers and visited five game reserves to see lions, rhinos, elephants, leopards, hippos and buffalos up close in the animals' natural state in the vast countryside. (I am sorry to report Tim Guard unexpectedly passed away Feb. 22, 2020. Our condolences to Devon and the Guard family.) Dianne and **David Black** had a great 10-day camera safari in Tanzania in November. They stayed in five different luxury tent camps or hotels while visiting five national parks. Linda and **Larry Langley** spent three weeks in October, driving the back roads of New England, visiting Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Montreal. The lobster rolls, fall foliage and historical sites like Mark Twain's house in Hartford, Calvin Coolidge's boyhood home in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, and Paul Revere's house in Boston on the Freedom Trail were outstanding to experience. They stopped by to visit **Allen Anderson** at his Grain Surfboard headquarters in York, Maine, on the way back to Boston. Allen lives in Southern California and was in York, conducting a week-long workshop for a dozen surfers who were there building their own wood grain surfboards.

Tiare Richert-Finney was recovering from right knee replacement surgery in December, but her spirits were buoyed celebrating her 70th birthday with family and friends. Tiare loves that she is still in close contact with her "Fab Five" – **Joan Rothwell** Liu, **Jennifer Judd** Ching, **Marcia Cooke** Duff, **Suzu Johnston** Hemmings and **Stephanie Choy** Ackerman after all these years.



Class of '69's traditional Hanabata Days breakfast in June 2019 at Waialae Country Club is always organized with love by Colin Kurata. These alumni attended Punahou for 12-plus years (with one second grade starter). Front row, from left: Colin Kurata, Nalani Otani Golesorkhi, Scott Power, Margie Atherton Newell, Sherry Cook Tingley, Lurline McGregor, Dee Togikawa, Leila Camp Sauer, Mahi Martin Riley, Rona Kam Wong, Victoria Judd Hill, Julia Wo, Earl Loo and Jamie Fox. Back row, from left: Sally Meeker Carter, Dan Powlison, Clifford Lo, Roger Styan, Class correspondent Scott Berk, Kawika Ramler, Steve Pickering, Barbara Bartz Osborn, Erik Zen and Alan Zane.

Presley Wann was part of a delegation from Kaua'i presented with the Equator Prize awarded by the United Nations Development Programme in New York City, in September. Presley is the president of Hui Maka'ainana O Makana, which weaves together the identity and culture of Hawaiian communities to sustainably manage their near shore fisheries.

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From **Victoria Judd Hill** and **Vicki Sandelin** Reiser:

Aloha, Class of '69:

As we wind down and move forward from our amazing 50th Reunion, these are words of thanks from **Scott Power** and **June Mist Sullivan**, who guided the Reunion team and the whole Class to an inspiring and unforgettable experience.

"Many months have passed since our incredible 50th Reunion. We are sure that you have had the opportunity, as we have, to experience people's amazement when you describe our 11-day, two-island, 17-activity event. Then, when you mention how much our Class raised for our School, the response is total disbelief. Well, Team 69, we couldn't have done this without your participation and hard work. Thanks to everyone who came and made this time together so special."

The Class of '69 is so very grateful to **Robin Lee** Gyorgyfalvy for all the time and love she gave to us as our Class correspondent. Her enthusiasm and kindness have been so important in tying us all together as a Class. The following is from our Class correspondent, **Scott Berk**.

It is with deep regret and sadness that I let you know of the passing of **Robin Lee** Gyorgyfalvy, our longtime Class correspondent, friend to all and beloved wife of Martin. She succumbed to her lung illness in January. Her determination to attend our 50th Reunion was testimony to her strong will and desire to participate in that special celebration with her classmates.

Robin earned her bachelor's degree in studio art and sculpture at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and her bachelor's and master's degrees in landscape architecture at the University of Oregon. The formative years of her career involved landscape design for landscape architecture firms and planning for land developers. Upon becoming a licensed landscape architect, she dove into the private consulting realm with much success. She eventually transitioned into the public sector to serve in various important and influential positions for 33 years with the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon.

Throughout her career, Robin was a strong advocate for women's and minority rights; volunteered for numerous leadership roles in a diverse range of national, state and local organizations; traveled to many remote foreign and domestic locations on work assignments; and was a guest speaker and active participant in national and international conferences. She also found the time to write and illustrate two books on Hawaiiiana. And all through her life, she always had a strong affinity for athletics and outdoor activities, in

particular soccer and ocean sports, including bodysurfing.

Robin was a loving, generous and outgoing person who had many friends and passions. It was a pleasure to be with her because she existed in the moment, always tuned into who and what was around her. She was a truly humble person. At her core, Robin was a quintessential Island girl, full of grace with a twinkle in her eye, who went "placidly amid the noise and the haste," and left her sweet, everlasting, loving imprint on our hearts. She was an unsung heroine trying to improve this chaotic world in her own characteristically unobtrusive, but effective, way. Most importantly, Robin was cherished by all who knew her. She will be missed. Robin is survived by her husband, Martin; mother, Teruko "Terry" Lee; brothers, **Eric Lee '68**, **Jeff Lee '73**; and sister, **Wynnie Lee '71**. Aloha, Robin.

Aloha, Scott, Victoria and Vicki

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A fond aloha to Class correspondent, Robin Lee '69 Gyorgyfalvy, whose enthusiasm and kindness tied her classmates together.

Punahou continues to impact our lives in as many diverse ways as the diversity of our Class itself. In addition to obvious cultural differences, there are marked contrasts in our tenure and transition to Punahou, adding to the matrix of our life experiences. I have recently enjoyed reflecting upon our Punahou "lifers" (K - 12) and those of us military "brats" who transitioned at the invitation of the United States military.

These "lifers" first walked barefoot across our landmark campus before statehood - forming lifetime bonds before lifetime bonds were a thing - and setting a lifetime foundation of aloha for all of us. **Jim Scott, Doug Piper, Steve Emura, Rosalyn Loomis Meyer, Bonnie King Murphy, Beryl Wilson, John Wainwright, Michael Fung, Wynn Wong, Sandra Akiona Nakoa, Robert Hunt, Lynnell Yee, Karen Guard Luce, Cathy Crouse Williams, Hannah Hodgins, Sono Hirose, Barbara "Bebe" Richardson Phillips, Robert Spitzer, Allan Tom, Kathie Kagawa, Terrence Lee, Constance Hee Lau, Gail Simpson Owen, Patricia Ching Souter, Bruce Anderson, Steven Fraser, Sylvia Yee Wong, Mavis Chaney, George Magoon, Roberta Chang Chow, Gina Schnack Hankinson, Charron Ackerman, Susan Sato Ellerbe, Allen Tom, Bub Wo and Robert Kleinkopf.**

Conversely, many "brats" arrived and departed Punahou in military buses from Wheeler Air Force Base, Hickam Air Force Base or Pearl Harbor. Some were with us for less than a year - while others, such as **Barbara Jurkens** and **Will Morris**, enjoyed four years at the Academy. We may have attended seven or eight schools before graduation. While trying to fit in, the duality of their lives was often unnoticed, even among themselves. Here is a partial list of "brats" with whom we shared our lives: **Heather Forsythe-Auchter, Suzie Blackwood Foote, Barbara Jurkens, Mark McCrerey, Rick Prahler, Russell Leigon, Glenn Haggstrom, Candy Johnson, Tony Allmond, Rebecca Cooper Reser, Steven Garofalos, Sally Holmes Smith, Judy Barnhart, Anne Iredale, Anne Keehn Martin, Susie Scharf Fierro, Barbara Wilson Conley, Cheryl Chappell-Long, Kathy Chandler Altz and Betsy Martin Geibel.**

Gary Van Brocklin advises that he has retired as the regional liaison for the Presbyterian World Mission in Sri Lanka. Now in Fresno, California, and invites all classmates to drop by to visit on their way to Yosemite National Park.

We are closing the gap on our "lost" classmates, or as **Buster Chapman** observed, simply "misplaced." I encourage everyone to update your contact information at alumni.punahou.edu, and let me know if you find a "misplaced" classmate.

Recently found in Buhl, Idaho, **Janine Wheeler** Jaro is enjoying retirement with her husband,

Vic, six horses and two kittens. She has transitioned from riding polo ponies at Mokuleia to owning the 2018 National Champion preliminary event horse. After 30 years in corporate aviation, she now enjoys backcountry flying in her C-182. Janine attended the University of Texas and has a sister and best friend who live within 45 minutes from me - I envision a Texas visit.

Joanne Fahrenwald discovered **Buster Chapman** retired and living in Windsor, Colorado, after spending the past eight years in Las Vegas. Buster was a dice dealer at a downtown casino and an instructor at a gaming school. Buster and his wife enjoy being close to their three boys and extensive domestic and international travel.

Credit **Peter Jaquette** with finding classmate, **John Alden** living in Seattle, Washington. John attended Punahou from kindergarten through sixth grade before moving to Kansas City. After graduating from Stanford University and gaining a JD and MBA at the University of Washington, he worked in artificial intelligence for over 30 years.

Looking forward to the rest of our wisdom years together.

Class of 1971

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Hey gang, howzit!

Got notes from **Steve Chang!** He says he's better off than he deserves and has enjoyed visiting 27 of our National Parks. He's also planning a pre-Carnival golf tournament. Maybe we can submit photos from that for the summer issue.

Just heard from **Kimo Sutton** that he and wife, Christine, are moving to Texas. They will be in a 55+ community about 20 miles north of Fort Worth. The cost of living at about 70 percent less than Hawai'i was attractive, plus Texas is the land of Republicans, so that was a win for Kimo. He's already ordered Christine a Corvette ZR1 Supercar. Gee whiz, Kimo!

Pam Kress Kearney says her Christmas dinner always includes her brother, **Sam Kress '69**, (since both live in Lake Oswego, Oregon) and friends who are empty nesters. This follows her mother's "Aloha Spirit Holiday" that would always include friends who might not have a place to go. Pam is keeping her mom's aloha tradition alive.

And that's all I have gang. Just as an FYI, I submit quarterly and the lead time is three months. Deadlines are the first of January, April, July and October. Please keep sending in your notes!

Aloha and a hui ho! KC



Friends since the first day of kindergarten, Shelby Hodge '72 Hughes and Nancy Morioka-Douglas '72, got together in California, over the holidays with Nancy's mother, Connie Morioka.

a Union Internationale de la Marionette (UNIMA) USA Citation of Excellence award for their widely toured Punch and Judy puppet show. (Debbie and Peter met in 1984 at a UNIMA puppetry convention in Germany, and were married two years later.) The UNIMA awards are the equivalent of the Oscars for excellence in puppetry and recognize shows that "touch their audiences deeply; that totally engage, enchant and enthrall." Congratulations, Debbie! What an honor!

Eva Spielman Naniole emailed greetings and a family update: Once a year she and **Laurie Loomis** enter the Kukui'o Blue Water Swim at Kukui'o Resort. Laurie placed second in her age group last year. Eva's brother, **J.K. Spielman '77**, lives in Waimea; brother and fellow classmate, **Joe Spielman**, lives in Kalopa, on the Hamakua Coast.

I would love to hear from more of you – working or retired, Oscar or no Oscar!

Class of 1973

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Welcome, 2020! Happy spring to all!

Wrapping up news for 2019: It was great to hear from **Patricia Clift** Palomar, who I wrote about in the fall 2019 Bulletin. She has more exciting news! In April 2019, she received her post-professional doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OT) from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS). In September, she became one of three academic fieldwork coordinators for the USAHS to assist in placing the OT students in their fieldwork rotations and facilitating their performance. In October, 13 students nominated Patti to receive the Student First

Award from the USAHS board of directors. In November, she presented at the Florida OT Association Conference, and again in March 2020, she will present again in Boston! Congratulations, Patti, on your many achievements! We look forward watching you make a difference in the lives of many!

I received a sweet email from James L. Jones, who wanted to recognize his wife, **Terri Douglass Jones**. On Dec. 31, 2019, after 43 years as a health care provider, Terri retired! She began her career right out of college as a clinical dietician at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific. Years later she was a clinical manager at Pali Momi Medical Center. For the past 12 years, she has worked with cardiac patients at Queen's Medical Center. As far as what she will do with herself after retirement? Travel with her husband – upcoming trips are to Bali and Vietnam. After all these years, it's time to put your feet up and relax, Terri. I'm sure you are excited being able to spend lots of time with James cruising and seeing the world!

Jojo Ivy Shrinki 's grandson, Isaac, posted a video on her Facebook that caught my eye. The video was for his history class assignment about good news of America. His video won second place in his class. Isaac is a student at Christian Liberty, on Hawai'i Island, and is interested in video production. Jojo's son and daughter-in-law teach at the school and are pastors at the Kurtistown Assembly of God. Her younger grandsons create audio visual presentations in PowerPoint for the church. For a recent church musical, Jojo's

responsibility was costumes! Jojo has so much to be proud of!

On a sad note: Our classmate, **Cynthia Suen-Hee Hew**, passed away in August 2019, in Honolulu. Many of us remember her from elementary school with her beautiful smile. She was quiet, friendly and very smart. Cynthia was a board certified internist in Honolulu, who had graduated from the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine. Aloha, Cynthia.

Richard "Randy" Tongg passed away in November 2019, in Seattle. Randy was a co-landscaper of the University of Hawai'i, Manoa campus, an architect, realtor and a talented musician, vocalist and composer. **Ellen Hollinger-Martinez** remembered Randy for his smile when she entered Punahou, and many years later, in 2016, his smile welcomed her into his Christian Fellowship Church. Pastor Randy's favorite quote was: "Remember your best friend is Jesus."

Also sending our heartfelt condolences and love to **Carol Ai May**, **Dave Arakawa**, **Scott Masunaga** and **Jan Wong**, who have lost loved ones.

Most of us are turning 65 – the age of retirement. As you look at yourself in the mirror, take a deeper look into your heart and find the reflection of your soul. Think of what you have accomplished, your 'ohana, the people you have touched and friendships you have made. Let us be grateful for our lives. Be good to yourselves. Hugs filled with aloha. A hui hou.



Debbie Lutzky '72 Allen with her Punch and Judy puppets on a hammered dulcimer.

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Greetings, classmates:

Here we are in 2020, just two years away from our 50th Reunion! Planning will get underway soon (or may already be underway by the time you read this) since there are plenty of activities to plan, including a possible Neighbor Island trip before Reunion weekend. Please watch your inbox for an email survey about our Reunion with volunteer information and activity ideas. We would love to hear from everyone through the survey or directly via our Class email, punahou1972@gmail.com. This is a good time to make sure your email is updated with the Alumni Relations office: alumni.punahou.edu/office-of-alumni-relations/update-your-contact-info.

Debbie Lutzky Allen and her husband, Peter, have been puppeteers for 40-plus years (50-plus years for Peter, who began doing puppet shows when he was eight). Like me, I'm sure many of you enjoyed Parasol Puppets shows with your kids during the 10 years that Debbie and Peter lived and performed in Honolulu. Since moving to a farm outside Jamesport, Missouri, in 1997, they have been designing, building and performing original puppet shows at festivals, schools and public libraries, private parties and other events across the U.S. and Canada. Debbie wrote me last fall with the news that she and Peter were awarded



Classmates from '73, Glen Kobayashi, Carol Ai, Diane Kimura and Lori Wong, attended a memorial service for Carol's mom.



Mead Wildrick '73 and Allen Stack '73 at the Punahou Tank.



Congratulations to Terri Douglass '73 Jones, who has retired after 43 years as a health care provider.



On Oct. 26, 2019, Catherine Tompkison '74 and her husband, Keith Graham, celebrated their emerald wedding anniversary (20 years) at the Outrigger Canoe Club with several of her classmates. Front row, from left: Yuriko Wellington, Barbara Farrell, Catherine Tompkison, Mele Meyer, Lynne Gartley Meyer and Babs Miyano-Young. Back row, from left: Lisa Yamaguchi Bowden, Tom Farrell, Mike Mikasa, David Parker, Vernon Yee, Landis Lum, Mike Lee and Lee Ann Gullikson Nicolay.



Danton Wong '75, Bill Lee '75 and Greg Kim '75 in their snazzy Oahu College Band bowling shirts. Greg has led the Band for the last 10 years.

was a beautiful, kind, sunny, funny soul. May he rest in peace." In addition to JoLynn, Paulo is survived by his children, David and Jenny (husband Stephen Beesley); granddaughter, Nola Rhyan, as well as his siblings, Zealpher Sitagata, Nora McMillen, Tapu Sitagata and Pesa Pedro. JoLynn adds: "A few parting words he would say to his classmates: Life is short, and we are not promised tomorrow, so know and follow Christ, seek and stand for truth, fight to uphold and keep our Constitution, and make today count! God bless you all. Tofa soifua."

The life of another dearly departed classmate, **Scott Mosher**, was celebrated in a late December memorial at Ka Ho'oilina Na Kuhio Community Center in Waimanalo. As **Raymond Noh** noted: "Just about every fire house on the Island was there to pay their respects to retired Battalion Chief Mosher. Our friend and classmate was very well-liked and very well-respected." Photos from Scott's memorial are on our Class Facebook page.

Life's too short – we become more and more aware of that as we rack up the years. Please take the time to reach out to old friends for a chat, or a visit and share news of your happy gatherings with us as well: See the two accompanying photos of some of "the gals" on a fun trip to New York City, and the second annual gathering to celebrate our Class-wide 60th birthday.

welcome regardless of musical ability or lack of it. (That makes me laugh.) AND they get to wear super cool bowling shirts. Did I hear from someone that Greg learned to play the trombone watching YouTube videos? Bill, thanks for getting in touch. Don't wait another 45 years!

posted on our Class Facebook page, **Josh Reppun** noted that "Paulo was one of my closest friends in school and a trusted partner on the football field. He came off the ball as fast as anyone I ever tried to block. Off the field, and on the field, after the whistle, Paulo

I'm sorry to report that our classmate, **Ron Higgins**, passed away on Oct. 20, 2019. A very nice tribute was printed in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Ron was a fourth-generation kama'aina, who was a true entrepreneur, a visionary and a Trustee of Punahou. We knew him as a really nice guy. He was also a loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather. We send our deepest condolences to his wife and life partner, Sanne, and his entire 'ohana.

That's all I have folks. Send me your news, classmates! I am here, willing and mostly able to report it. Surely some of you have something you'd like to talk story about!

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I hope your 2020 has started with a bang! Wow, a new decade and we get younger every day! Are you thinking of retirement yet? I'm still having fun doing what I do! It seems like we are way too young for that. Ha! Ha!

Speaking of retirement, **Coralie Chun Matayoshi** was featured in local publications as she announced her decision and retired on Dec. 31, 2019, after 16 years as CEO of the American Red Cross Pacific Islands Region. Said Coralie: "I am at a wonderful point in my life. My husband retired two years ago, and our three kids are all grown and successful. We are looking forward to traveling the world (even during hurricane season), playing more tennis, enjoying more sunsets and pursuing volunteer opportunities and other passions." Sounds great, Coralie!

The Reunion committee for our 50th Reunion in 2024 has been busy exchanging emails already about our event. Mark your June 2024 calendars now so you won't miss it!

It's with sadness that I report the death of **William "Bill" Thacker** on Sept. 28, 2019, at the age of 64. Bill joined the faculty of Saint Louis University (SLU) in 1989 as an assistant professor of physics in the Department of Science and Mathematics, which today is the Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology. During his 30 years at SLU, he went on to become a full professor and serve as the chair of the physics department in the College of Arts and Sciences. Bill was recognized with the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award in 2006 by the Association of Parks College Students, due to his guidance of students through the complex courses that covered quantum mechanics and the theory of turbulence. He was a dedicated researcher who received numerous grants from the NASA Langley Research Center. A longtime colleague, Michael Lewis, Ph.D, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at SLU, said the first thing he thought of with Bill was his kindness and added, "I knew him well enough to know we have lost a warm and kind colleague, who handled himself with grace and treated people with respect." Personally, I cannot think of more beautiful words to describe someone. Bill is survived by his wife, Doris, and son, William Thacker.

Much aloha to you all! Take care of each other. Please send me some information about yourself or a friend for the next Bulletin!

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It's spring! Can I still wish you a happy new year?

I heard from **Bill Lee** last fall, his first submittal in 45 years. He sent a photo of himself with **Danton Wong** and **Greg Kim**, who are part of the Oahu College Band (OCB). Greg organized the band and has led it for over 10 years. Seems he decided to take up the trombone a while ago and then got a band together. OCB plays gigs ranging from volleyball games, community parades, retirement homes events, football games and our own Flaming "P." Bill says that anyone is

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Our belated, but no less heartfelt, condolences to the family and friends of **Paulo Sitagata Jr.**, who passed away in late August at his home in Kalispell, Montana. From his wife, JoLynn: "Paulo came to Punahou in the ninth grade from the projects and played varsity football. Punahou's education gave him the confidence that he could achieve anything he set his mind to, and he was proud to be a Punahou graduate." Among the memories



It was a Valentine's Day in New York City, when a group of '76ers took a trip to Manhattan, to hang out and see "To Kill a Mockingbird" together. From left: Beth Woollard Greenhill, Debbie Kim, Mary McGowan, Carol Mills and their honorary '76 classmate, Carrie Ogami.



Hana hou pa'ina! Mahalo to Eliane and Skip McCabe '76 for opening up their Kailua home (once again) for a mass birthday bash. They hosted a 2018 shindig to celebrate the vast majority of the Class of '76 turning 60, and such a fun time was had that folks decided to do it again. Front row, from left: Beth Bartz Kingery, Skip McCabe, Debbie Ing and Mark Goto. Back row, from left: Randy Kam, Arna Johnson, Socrates Bratakos, Vickie Fullard-Leo, Frandee Lum, Desi Winnie Poteet, Leighton Yuen, Billy Foytich and Libert O'Sullivan.

We wrap up the column with another round of "Where Are They Now?" when we call out random names and ask "Whassup?" This group was randomly amassed from the "L"s of our Class: **Mary Lai** Hammond, **Russell, Aaron, Erin** and **Jon Lee, Elaine Leishman** Lynn, **Cynthia Leong** or **Marshall "Alika" Luke** – or any of the other "L"s – are you well? Retired, or still working? Drop us a line or if you're a friend, give them a nudge.

Mahalo and aloha!

Dede and Tuck

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In from **Ronda Ching Day**:

Mary Strode wrote: "I will be retiring from the California Department of Public Health in January 2020! I've worked for the State of California for over 18 years. My career in public health and health education has spanned over 33 consecutive years. I am very proud of this achievement, and super excited about what the future holds! Some of my plans after retirement are to take some road trips and see people I

don't see very often. Also, I'll be planning my first international trip, which might be next fall. I also plan to focus more on my own well-being. That will mean trying to get back into shape, as well as getting more rest."

Last year, **Patty Kahele** Case and Lt Col. Kevin Scott Leavitt held their beautiful wedding at the Halekulani. Patty's two favorite bands, Elephant and Streetlight Cadence, rocked the house. Since then, Kevin has retired and transitioned into a real estate career, joining forces with his wife at Patricia Case Premier Keller Williams Honolulu. Congratulations, Patty and Kevin!

Send me your stories, classmates! Aloha, Ronda

In from **Karen Maguire**:

Aloha, everyone.

I'm back to say I'm very sorry for dropping the chutney! Although I gave Punahou soft notice of my desire to wrap up as correspondent quite some time ago, nothing transpired as far as an official call for new correspondents. That time has now come! Sadly and fondly, due to the requirements of work and other commitments: It's pau hana time for me. Even though writing 650 concise, yet informative, words isn't easy, I truly treasured renewing

friendships and am grateful for my years of corresponding for our Class.

So what's next? I have offered to assist as a "news generator." An idea has been put forth for a column by "guest." This could be an opportunity for folks to sign up in advance and contribute their stories. Our column is made for and by us. Writing the Class notes offers an opportunity to contribute to Punahou. Hopefully in the near future we will enjoy new perspectives and a new stock of freshly preserved mangos.

Please send your news or offer to be a "guest" to Ronda.

Thank you,

Karen

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Vickie Cheng '79 Lee's daughter, Jamie Lee, was crowned the 2020 Narcissus Queen at the 71st Narcissus Pageant. From left: Jackie Kaohu, Melody Kaohu '12, Doraine Young, Sabrina Young, Vickie Cheng Lee '79, Jamie Lee, Amanda Kurose, Pamela Kurose, Vanessa Wong and Vicky Wong.

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Congratulations to **Gina Mauliola** Marting on her inclusion in Hawaii Business Magazine's 2019 Black Book: 339 Executives to Know. She is a senior vice president, CFO and treasurer at Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA). bit.ly/31FAWng

Leila York Thomas writes: "Still working hard at my day job raising money for St. Thomas School in Medina, Washington, and loving the fact that I've found my passion and purpose in online nutrition and fitness coaching. I've got a great group of men and women I'm coaching." bit.ly/2uvMtJK

Vickie Cheng Lee and her husband, James, were in the front row at Hawaii Theatre cheering for their daughter, Jamie, as she was crowned the 71st Narcissus Queen in January. Jamie was also named Miss Photogenic and Miss Talent. bit.ly/2uxqzWE

In case you forgot the name of the best school in Hawai'i, read the latest Niche listings. bit.ly/39jD8Ue

Paul Siegrist reports: "I finished a Navy career, that included command of nuclear submarines. A five-year stint as U.S. Navy Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) deputy director followed with a portfolio that included all autonomous systems (over, on and



Mary Strode '77 is thankful for good friends and her retirement from a career in public health and health education. Enjoy, Mary! Pictured are Mary (left) and her co-worker and good friend, Kayla Adams.

under the sea). Five years ago, I transitioned to private industry in undersea systems with Raytheon Company in program management. Now, I'm working for The Boeing Company as the global sales and marketing manager for maritime autonomous systems. My big project is Echo Voyager, a fully autonomous, extra-large unmanned undersea vehicle." bit.ly/2IHRHSj

Last issue, I mentioned that my wife, Lynn, and I were planning to move from Cleveland to the West Coast – we just didn't know where on the West Coast at that time. After driving through hail, snow and white-out conditions in mid-January, we rested in Nashville for a few hours then headed to Oklahoma City the next day. From there, it was on to Gallup with our dog and four cats. The last leg brought sunshine, and a few hours after sunset we pulled into our destination, San Diego. After leaving San Diego, "America's Finest City," for Austin in 1991, I can say that it is nice to be back.

With the quick pace of the relocation, I did not get a chance to meet up one last time with Ohioans **Sylvia Chinn-Levy, Tammy MacDonald, Jonathan Selinger** and **Ron Loui**. How about meeting in sunny San Diego? I am working at University of California, San Diego's Rady School of Management. Lynn does research at the Naval Health Research Center. Reach out if you're living in the area or plan to visit. I am looking forward to catching up.

Until next time, be well! Mitch

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Hi, classmates! Happy 2020!

Many classmates are now doting grandparents! Tutu **Lori Kam** Harrison just celebrated, as she says, a "first-first." Her first born, **Tim Harrison '07**, welcomed his first daughter, **Malia**. Here are a few more "first-firsts." **Lissa Osuna** Crighton's daughter, **Dani Lee Wilson '09** Gray welcomed her son, **Jett, Doug Auten's** daughter, **Brynne Auten '08** Boian, welcomed her son, **Graham. Kristin Lambert** Bryant's daughter, **Alana Bryant '08** Rask, welcomed her daughter, **Laila**. Congratulations to all!

Grandma **Kristin** has been doing double duty – babysitting and running her own estate planning and elder law practice. She is also a senior mediator at the Mediation Center of the Pacific. In addition, she is an assistant professor for the Elder Law Clinic at the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law and is a volunteer attorney for their Elder Law Program. In her spare time (how is that possible), she

enjoys gardening, walking her four dogs and oil painting.

Well, classmates, be well! Wishing you happiness and good health in this new decade.

Aloha, Richanne

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Happy New Year! We made it through another year.

On hand to greet 2020 with a bang at our hilltop hale were **Jeff Davis, Russell Pang, David Von Hamm, Anna Kay, Lisa Hutchinson, Joanne Kouchi, John Townsley** and myself. We watched in awe, as fireworks – both legal, and otherwise – absolutely ignited the clear Honolulu sky.

Meanwhile, down on Diamond Head beach, **Colleen Kelley Heyer's** house was knocked down in the fall (get it?) to make room for a beautiful new seaside abode, designed by none other than our very own **Geoff Lewis**. And, yes, it will be ready in plenty of time for our Class Reunion in 2022, which with time fleeting as quickly as it is, will be here in no time flat.

I ran into **Brock MacDonald**, who had just returned from an amazing Tahitian cruise. I also spoke with **Greg Milne**, who has a new gig staging homes with Caron B Realty International.

And with not a lot else to report, the quote of the quarter comes from David Von Hamm, who recently sold his 32-foot fishing boat. He said of the event, "The two best days for a boat owner are the day you buy it, and the day you sell it."

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Hau'oli makahiki hou, my wonderful friends!

Hard to believe we are in 2020! As I write these notes in January – I am preparing for SNOWGEDDEN here in Washington State. I went to Costco. It was a mad house! Wow. We don't get much snow here, so even the mention of snow sends people into panic mode!

Let's start talking about classmates. In from **Tom Kaser**: "I am still living in Denver, Colorado, with my family and having much success as a sales account executive for LexisNexis, selling legal software to law firms. Been with the company 10 years now (time flies!) and have won some sales awards. Took my family to Melbourne, Australia, in July, and was able to visit with my sister, **Erin Kaser '88** Immel, and her family. My mom even came along. It was amazing! We stopped in Fiji for five days on the way back, which was totally awesome. My family and I will be going to



Russell Lo '81 had a backyard get together with his classmates. Some of "da boys" had not seen each other for over 20 years, but it was just like old times. From left: Russell Lo, Charlie Naone, Matt Mamiya, Gary Sakamaki, Dean Matsumoto, Eric Tadao Kahalelehua and Lon Wysard. Jay Marumoto was also there, but not in the picture.



Greeting 2020 at Blair Thorndike and Lisa Hutchinson's hilltop hale are friends from the Class of 1982. Front: Jeff Davis and Blair Thorndike. Back row, from left: Russell Pang, Andrew Ghali, Anna Kay Neal, Lisa Hutchinson, David Von Hamm, John Townsley and Joanne Kouchi.

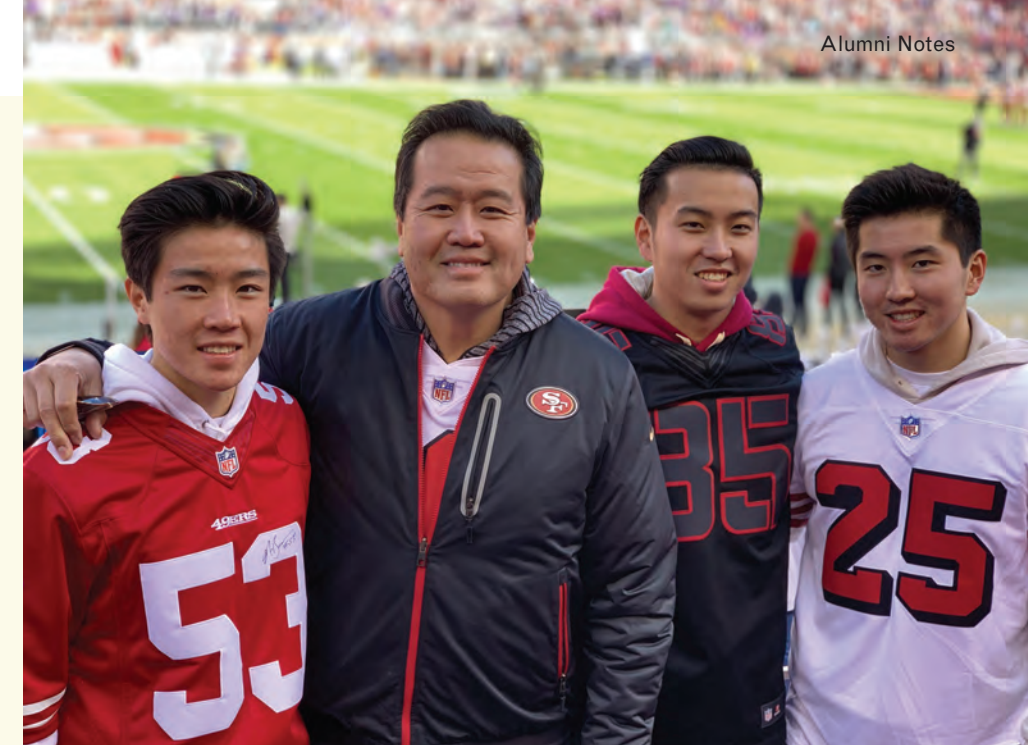
Kaua'i for Christmas, and Maui for the New Year to visit with family and enjoy paradise. Can't wait! I'll probably see **Suzie Lyons Lee** on Kaua'i." I did indeed see pictures from Tom's trip to Kaua'i and Maui, and it looked amazing even though the Islands were having torrential weather during that time.

I have reconnected with **Lynn Maland Cooper**, via the wonderful world of Facebook. She is lives in Ohio, has four beautiful/handsome children and is still swimming! I saw that she is practicing with the Sylvania Masters Swim Club. When I think of Lynn in high school, I think of SWIMTEAM!

Hieu Ball is alive and well in Orinda, California. He is a surgeon at California Comprehensive Spine Institute ... wow! Hieu and his three boys took in a San Francisco 49ers divisional playoff game. Take a look at the picture – they are all decked out for the day, in red 49er gear. His sons are all grown up! Brendan is a high school junior; Dylan is a junior at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; and Connor is at the University of California Riverside.

Alden Zecha recently posted a photo of himself with our amazing dean, Paula Kurashige. Paula was able to remember his name with just a few hints. (She didn't want him to tell her!) She looks amazing, like no time has passed.

Cathy Overstreet was in town for a conference. We got together at 13 Coins, had delicious Impossible Burgers and caught up on life. It was so great to see her! A reminder to everyone – I am only 40 minutes from the



Hieu Ball '83 and his three sons, Brendan, Dylan and Connor, decked out in their San Francisco 49er gear at a divisional playoff game.

airport, so if you are coming through, or near ... let me know! I'd love to see more classmates' faces in 2020. Cathy has been meeting up with **Ted Barnett** on some musical adventures. Maybe we can tap them as entertainment for our next Reunion?! (Yes!)

That is all I have this time around. Hope you are all happy, healthy and finding things that keep you laughing each day!

All my aloha,
Kim



Cathy Overstreet '83 and Ted Barnett '83 making music together and getting ready for our next Class Reunion in 2023!



Our amazing dean, Paula Kurashige, and Alden Zecha '83 visited while Alden was in town visiting his family. He said that Mrs. Kurashige looks amazing – like no time has passed.



Friends from the Class of '84 got together to celebrate over the holidays. Front row, from left: Beth Tanaka Iwata, Lisa Tokumaru Rapp, Chrissy Lambert, Valerie Tanabe Yamashita, Nalu Won and Beverly Ahrens Dawson. Back row, from left: Bob Yee, Duncan Hsia, Russell Lee, Alfred Burkert, Eric Wong and Eric Young.

and despite what folks think ... you do miss the noise. Terry braves the winters of Minnesota and told me over the Thanksgiving break, they had four days of snow, but it was nice to have the kids home. He promises to make it back to the 40th, weather permitting.

Another one we need to congratulate is **Ann Huffman Hemminger**, who retired after 31 years from teaching in Colorado. Ann is one of my oldest friends, as we took the journey from Kamiloiki Elementary to Punahou together. I'm so happy for her. In her retirement she is training for her first marathon. Some days she runs for four hours, then does yoga. She also travels a lot because she CAN. Double congrats as her second daughter recently received her master's. Ann is really looking forward to rolling up her sleeves and feeling the grease at Carnival this year. Keep a look out for one relaxed individual that is fit. If she can do a marathon, she can do four hours of slave labor at Waikiki Malasada.

New York City can seem like a small world, too, as Honolulu residents, **John Auyong** and **Eric Wen** randomly bumped into each other in the Museum of Modern Art cafe in December. Both were enjoying vacations with their families: John with his husband, Chris, and Eric with his wife and kids. John still works for the Social Security administration office, and Eric is a professor of accounting at the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu.

A big year for our classmate, **Duncan Hsia**, who married Ashley Lee earlier this year, then



The Family Promise holiday shopping event was mini reunion for these '85 classmates. From left: Teri Okita, Cecily Ho Sargent, Janene Lau Willener, Eleni Michaelidis Pflueger and Leela Bilmes Goldstein.

welcomed their son, Lucien, into the world in November. I think Duncan now takes over the dubious honor of having the youngest child of our classmates, beating out **Tommy Leong**, who welcomed his sixth child in the summer of 2019! Welcome, Lucien (who would be in the

Class of 2038). We look forward to the time when you visit all your uncles and aunts from the Class of '84 at Kahala Nui.

Here's to a great 2020 and good health for all. It's so important (as we all head to our 60s) to eat healthy, exercise and pay attention to our numbers at our yearly checkups.

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After not attending a Reunion since our 10th, (various reasons like Little League, graduations, etc.) I finally made it back for our 35th. Seven jello shots in, and I'm the newest Class correspondent. I just remember being ganged up on by **Krissy Izumi-Nitao** and **Patti Horii** Oshiro. I was told there is a lot of censoring, so have to keep this politically correct. Maybe after seven rejections I should get my virgin (am I allowed to say that) article printed.

Have to admit that after missing four Class Reunions, I had a great time reconnecting "live." Social media has done a great job, but nothing beats real time conversations and hugs. **Philip Suh**'s hard work in memorializing the previous Reunions and Carnival have helped fill the void of missing these events, but nothing replaces attending one in person. Three days of flashbacks and memories that

take you back to the simpler days of life were great. People were just glad to see one another and happy that we all made it through 3 1/2 decades of life's ups and downs.

Some little tidbits: I was amazed that **Meredith Burns** remembered Mr. Gross' doughnut bet. (I was more amazed that she was in my math class, as that was not an AP Calculus class.) For those of you not in Mr. Gross' class – I had to buy doughnuts if I didn't get an A on a test. Needless to say, my mom had to drive to King's Bakery quite often. **Erik Peterson**, **Chrissy Lambert**, **Kim Koike** Schatz and **Jennifer Sasaki** closed down the Lu'au after-party by reliving their Pink Cadillac – Bobby McGee's days by carving up the dance floor to Prince, Depeche Mode and Madonna.

I got to hang out with **Erik Peterson**. It had been decades since we'd been in Hawai'i at the same time. Erik currently lives in Bothell, Washington with his wife and two kids. He is a pilot for Alaska Airlines, so if you hear a "Captain Peterson" as your pilot ... go up to the flight deck and say "howzit."

Congrats to **Terry Ferreira** and his wife, Julie, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in September. They are currently adjusting to empty nest syndrome. You get used to the quiet



Duncan Hsia '84 and wife, Ashley, welcomed their son, Lucien, in November 2019.



Susan Leong '85 Yates and her husband, Michael, cruising in South America.

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Aloha, classmates!

Sailing the Seas: **Susan Leong** Yates and her husband, Michael, said "hana hou" to their South American trip from last year. Susan wrote, "Since Antarctica was canceled en route the last time due to ship problems, we decided to stick to the South American continent this time. Ship worked well ... but politics! Argentinan and Bolivian elections! Peru dissolving congress and the protests in Chile! It dissipated as we traveled south. Some onshore excursions were changed due to the protests and curfews. Nonetheless, we sailed through the Strait of Magellan." Of the

pictures she included, she added, "Photo is somewhere in Patagonia – maybe the Strait of Magellan? I don't know, I never look at a map." Susan, you and your dry humor. We love you!

On the Town: The "Family Promise" holiday shopping event was a mini-reunion for **Cecily Ho Sargent**, **Eleni Michaelidis Pflueger**, **Janene Lau Willener**, **Leela Bilmes Goldstein** and **Teri Okita!** Teri was visiting from London, so she gets the award for person who traveled farthest to attend. Cecily is on the board of Family Promise, a wonderful Hawai'i-based nonprofit whose mission is to end family homelessness. She also organized and catered the whole affair. Well done! Cecily and her husband, Tony, are the founders and owners of the picnic-tastic Tucker and Bevy! Yum!

And, The Kick Is ... GOOD: Facebook went wild on Wild Card weekend with cheers for **Rochelle Shim Fairbairn**, whose son, **Ka'imī Fairbairn '12**, kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime (!) for the Houston Texans! What a way to LIVE!

Aloha,
April and Erin



Jan Loose '86 Miller and Kazumi Ogawa '86 organized a pau hana for classmates and friends at Maui Brewing Company in Waikiki. Front row, from left: Kazumi, Artie Jim '86, Wayne Goo '84 and wife, Melissa Brown '85 Goo. Back row, from left: Carol Lockwood '86, JR Baron '86 and wife, Malia Nemechek '87 Baron and Jan.



Auli'i-Ann Silva '88, Kale Braden '90 and Denice Sugiyama '87 Inciong attended a conference at Cabrillo College, near Santa Cruz, and were serendipitously placed in a training group together.



Lisa Greenwell '88 Hummel celebrating her 50th birthday with classmates, family and friends. Front row, from left: Theresa Schroeder Devere, Malia Davis Megorden, Shannon Dudgeon Piper, Lisa Greenwell Hummel and David Porteus '87. Back row, from left: Emily Carl Tom, Suzie Neufeldt, Rob Neufeldt, Lisa's mom, Carol Greenwell and Stacy Humes Porteus.

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Aloha, all!

Lots of news to report, so off we go! The holiday season offered multiple opportunities to gather with far-flung classmates: **Jan Loose Miller**, visited for the holidays from her home in New Mexico, and **Kazumi Ogawa**, fresh from a recent move to Paris, organized a happy hour gathering at Maui Brewing Company in Waikiki. In attendance were **JR Baron**, his wife, **Malia Nemechek '87 Baron**; **Artie Jim** (visiting from Portland, Oregon); **Wayne Goo '84**, his wife, **Melissa Brown '85 Goo**; and yours truly. Keeping with the "brewing" theme, Artie arranged a gathering at Kona Brewing Co. in Hawai'i Kai, where he, **Nana Nakano Howell** (with daughter, **Sophia '26**), **Kina'u Hirahara Shipman**, **Dawn Sanderson**, **Leeanne Jim '87 Phillips** and husband, Raymond, cheered on the 49ers as they took on the Los Angeles Rams. In an awesome display of stamina, Artie also joined an impromptu beach pau hana on the shores of Diamond Head, organized by **Kent and Possie Dudgeon Badham**, and attended by **Cory Beall** and **Shawn Brady**. In early January, **Lyle Fujikawa** arranged a final happy hour gathering with Kazumi before her return to Paris. Meeting up at Panya Bistro in Kaka'ako were Dawn, **Shera Chee Mercer**, her husband, Joe, **Roselle Leong Chin**, **Jill Tanaka**, Wayne and Melissa and yours truly. Other holiday gatherings around town gave '86ers a chance

to reconnect with **Mike Latham** and wife, Jennifer; his sister, **Julia Latham '87** and her husband, **Mark Epstein**, Jan and her husband, **Wes Miller**, **Kirsten Haith Stoutemyer**, **Ken May**, **Andy Bunn**, **Paul Chattergy**, **Jon Magnussen** and **Michelle Akina**, **Jamie Lui** and her husband, Wren Wescoatt and others. The bottom line: the Class of '86 is killing it in the pau hana category – Come join us!

As mentioned above, Kazumi recently left her post as Chief of Staff with UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya, to assume the position of Director of Human Resources with the United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France. Kazumi reports that, while she misses Nairobi, she takes consolation in the absence of monkeys in the office (literally) and the addition of a view of the Eiffel Tower out her window.

At the local level, **Greg Thielen**, owner and founder of residential construction company, Complete Construction Services, was honored as the Building Industry Association of Hawai'i's "Builder of the Year." Congratulations, Greg!

Adding to his list of accolades, **Ed Kenney** was recognized by Honolulu Magazine as the 2019 Hale 'Aina Hawai'i Restaurateur of the Year for his commitment to causes like pay inequity and climate change, in addition to his contemporary updates of Native Hawaiian foods.

Greg Wrenn was featured in an article in Hawai'i Magazine regarding the upcoming

100th anniversary of the Cooke Foundation, founded by his great-great-grandmother, **Anna Rice Cooke**, who attended Oahu College 1867 – 1868. In his position as board president, Greg oversees the foundation's support of Hawai'i nonprofits in human services, health, the environment, education, arts, culture and the humanities, including, among others, Hanahau'oli School, the Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Kaula'i Food Bank, the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society and Hospice Maui.

I hope our Hawai'i classmates got to see the gingerbread Notre Dame Cathedral made by **Lillian Masamitsu Kam** and displayed at Kahala Mall during the holidays – it was amazing! (On the downside, Lillian has made it nearly impossible for anyone on the Food Network baking shows to impress me anymore).

Malia Lagaso recently underwent a professional transition that highlights her many talents. After years in early childhood education leadership, she made the leap to the craft coordinator position at the House Mart Ben Franklin Crafts flagship store. Malia says she's seen a great number of classmates and other Punahou folks at the store and local craft fairs (too many to name!). If we're lucky, the rest of us might just catch her on Spectrum OC 16's The Joy of Crafting. Malia also showed off her acting chops in Kumu Kahua Theatre's production of "Fa'alavelave (The Interruption)."

That's all for now. Keep writing in with your news!
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Happy springtime, everyone!

I hope you all had a great start to 2020. For me, this new decade has been quite a whirlwind already! I've been grateful for social media lately, as it lets me keep in touch with people, even when I don't have time to connect face-to-face.

I opened up Facebook yesterday, and a video of a man silhouetted under a crazy shore break, holding a camera popped up. I held my breath, crinkled up my face, and waited for him to get pounded. I thought to myself, "Whoa, that's crazy ...!" Just the kind of crazy that has been the bread and butter for **Clark Little** since 2007. I love catching up on his amazing shots. I always give a little fist-pump when I see his work in a magazine, at a restaurant or on a flight to or from home. His unique perspective allows us into a world where we can experience the awesome power of the ocean in a way many of us never will. It's no wonder he's received so many awards for his work and has been featured in national and international forums. He continues to

stick close to his North Shore roots. If you're planning a trip to Hale'iwa, a stop at the Clark Little Gallery is a must.

Denice Sugiyama Inciong messaged me recently about a chance encounter with Punahou alumni. She was attending a conference at Cabrillo College, near Santa Cruz, and was serendipitously placed in a training group with **Auli'i Silva '88** and **Kale Braden '90**. Auli'i is a grants research and program development specialist at Leeward Community College (LCC). Kale is an associate vice president of instruction and learning resources at American River College. Denice is a director of research, planning and data management at South Orange County Community College District in Mission Viejo. Coincidentally, our classmates, **Erin Thompson Loo** and **Leanne Chun Riseley**, also work at LCC supporting faculty, staff and students.

Congratulations to Dr. **Lori Daughters Halderman** for being named "Super Doctor" by Texas Monthly Magazine in 2019! Super Doctors is a listing of outstanding doctors from more than 40 medical specialties who have attained a high degree of peer recognition or professional achievement. Way to go! Lori did her undergraduate at the University Southern California (USC), and graduated from the Keck School of Medicine of USC in 1996. She currently resides in Texas, and aside from being a busy working mom, has a thriving practice as an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Lastly, a sad goodbye last year to our classmate, **Stephen Gentry Kramer**, who passed away unexpectedly in March 2019. He leaves behind his wife, Rebekah, two daughters, and extended family and friends. Aloha, Stephen.

Some of our classmates have been battling daunting health issues. I'm wishing everyone good health and healing this year. Being a doctor, I'd be remiss if I didn't give a friendly reminder to do all your health screenings and get an annual checkup. That way, we can keep on keeping in touch, and see each other at our Reunions!

Stay safe! See you soon!
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In from **Lisa Greenwell Hummel**:

Happy 50th birthday to us! Yep, it's happening. My husband, Mark, threw me a surprise birthday party in November, when I officially turned AARP worthy (I'm one of the few '69ers in our Class). Some of our classmates made the flight over to Kona to help me celebrate: **Theresa**

Schroeder Devere, **Malia Davis** Megorden, **Shannon Dudgeon** Piper, **Emily Carl Tom**, **Rob Neufeldt** and his wife, **Suzie**, **Stacy Humes** Porteus and **David Porteus '87**. We had a great time at Kaloko Mauka under the stars and light rain. We danced to LT Smooth. Pure magic.

Samantha Hammond continues her work at the University of Utah School of Medicine. In 2019, she and her husband, Antoine, welcomed Elliott, a beautiful baby boy! Congratulations, Sammi!

Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner is associate general counsel at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, having joined as assistant general counsel in 2008. Before that, she had practiced at Burns & Levinson since 1998, specializing in probate and family litigation. She also clerked for Chief Justice Warner in the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Superior Court justices. She was on a panel on Diversity and Inclusion in December at Suffolk Law School, where she spoke about the topic of unconscious bias.

Please send in your happenings! It's no fun to read the Bulletin if we have to make stuff up ... or is it? Happy spring and happy 50th to you all!



Congratulations to Chris Wong '89 and his wife, Connie, on welcoming their beautiful baby boy, Christopher Raymond Wong, this past summer.



Class of '89 and '90 parents traveled with the boys and girls varsity soccer team to Segovia, Spain. From left: Wyeth Matsubara '90, Ian Earle '89, Malia Hunt '89 Kakos, Erin Wilkerson '89 Marezki '89, Courtney Ching '90 Borden, Bob Bruhl '89 and Beth Fukunaga '90 Gusman.



Class of '91ers, Danielle Seo Mizuta, Kiana Kaiser-Hennington and Lara Wong Dao, reunited this fall in Punahou's Case Middle School team space 7Z, where their children are in the seventh grade together.



Class of '89ers enjoyed a night out at the Halekulani Hotel to see classmate, Brook Lee-Mell, perform at House Without A Key. Front row, from left: Alissa Alegre, Calvena Hose Sautia and Debbi Goto Anastas. Back row, from left: Sydney Hiu Bisho, Stanna Au Abellira, Brook Lee-Mell, MaeLynne Ng Swoboda and Judy Toda Tanabe.

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If you haven't had a chance to catch **Brook Lee-Mell** at Halekulani's House Without A Key, what are you waiting for? You're in for a treat! She does four sets each night that she's scheduled and takes a few minutes between them to chat with folks. On a recent visit to watch her dance, Brook shared that she interviewed **Eric Chun** on Modern Wahine Hawaii. They talked a little about the good ol' days as well as what lies ahead. By the time you read this, the episode will have aired already. If you missed it, you might be able to catch it on the Khon2 website.

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In from **Brian Watanabe**:

In local news, **Rachael Wong** was spotted at the Foodland checkout line. Not in person, but on the cover of the October 2019 Hawaii Business Magazine. It told Rachael's story about resigning as the head of the state Department of Human Services to create an initiative that addresses workplace sexual harassment called Safe Spaces and Workplaces. We're so proud of Rachael's courage, vision and leadership.

In less inspiring news, I had adult beverages over the holidays with **Sharyn Funamura**. We talked about important issues of the day, like the closing of Jimbo's and Star Wars. Sharyn is a lawyer working as employment counsel for Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco. She lives in Berkeley with her husband, Jimmy Yoo, and eighth grade son, Zach. I also caught up with Dr. **Reid Saito**. I'm in full reading glasses denial, so I had my yearly eye exam with Reid at his optometry office on Beretania. He sees more than a dozen Mighty '90ers who also have trouble reading their iPhones. In January, Reid's daughter, **Chloe Saito '22**, travelled to Washington D.C. for her G-term with teacher-chaperone, **Traci Young**, and visited our very own, Senator **Brian Schatz**.

Courtney Ching Borden checked in to share that **Darren Guenther**, a commanding officer in the U.S. Navy, moved back home from Bahrain. His son, **Aiden Guenther '23**, is playing varsity soccer with Courtney's son, **Dylan Borden '21**; **John Nagel's** son, **Will Nagel '21**; and **Beth Fukunaga Gusman's** son, **Dominic Gusman '20**. In November, Courtney also traveled to Spain with Beth, **Wyeth Matsubara** and a bunch of '89ers for a combined boys and girls varsity

soccer trip. Courtney said they had an amazing time and a lot of laughs at their evening parent meetings.

Since I'm writing this in January, I'm predicting our Taco Salad booth shift at the Punahou Carnival was light work and smelled like nacho cheese. Thanks, **Sandy Ng Niebling**, for coordinating!

Dylan Leong's whereabouts ... still unknown.

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On behalf of the Class of 1991, we dedicate this round of notes to **Ron Gould '67**, who, along with Paula Kurashige (Mrs. K.), was our Class dean. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Gould's family and friends, and hope they find comfort in knowing that he positively impacted many young lives, with his tenure spanning two generations. Just before his retirement in 2018, Mr. Gould served as freshman dean to the Class of 2021 for **Dean '86** and **Kim Wong Yoshimoto's** daughter, **Kate '21**; **Scott** and **Kim Osada Sato's** son, **Tanner '21**; **Kim Higashi Gerhardt's** son, **Ethan '21**; **Lisa Nakamura's** son, **Kikaha '21**; **Evan Leong's** son, **Buddy '21**; **Pam Piper Fox's** daughter, **Piper '21**; and **Heidi Lowrey Baines's** son, **Cooper '21**.

Some of our classmates reacted to the news of Mr. Gould's passing on our Class Facebook

page. **Jen Kunishima Sarsuelo** and **Kim Wong Yoshimoto** commented that they have many great memories of him. **Rachel Bolante Cervantes**, **Brenda Gross Mitchell**, **Lucy Yang Lin** and **Tiffany Hee** recalled Mr. Gould's smile with great fondness. **Kimi Kam** remembered the interesting conversations she shared with him. **Miki Moore** Hardisty expressed her gratitude for his help through some tough times. **Matt Corbo**y reminisced about playing Mr. Gould in our Variety Show. **Nikki Adam Jones** Nakamoto remembered how happy he was when he became a father. **Whitnee Chun Patten** and **Shandy Danford** Spittle were immensely thankful for all of his support.

Carol Chun, aka "Mama Chun," who was Academy secretary for 24 years, had these words to share about her close friend: "The Class of 1991 was my first class at Punahou. Ron Gould and Paula Kurashige were my first deans. Both taught me that the greatest gift we received at Punahou was the time we spent with the students. With Ron's passing, I have lost a friend and a mentor. He trusted me to use my 'Mom-at-school' instincts. He trusted me with his three sons, and I, in turn, trusted him with my children. He valued me as a person. He loved Punahou School, and he loved each and every one of you. He's smiling down at us enjoying his plate of gravy and rice and diet soda." Mama Chun reminded us of Mr. Gould's and Mrs. K's words to us at baccalaureate: "Take care of each other." Let's continue to do that, '91. A hui hou, Mr. Gould. Until we meet again, you will be in our hearts, always.

Until next time, Vanessa and Allison



A feast of food, fun and friendships with extended buff 'n blue family. From left: Aaron Sekulich, Coren Ing '92 Sekulich, John Wong, Anton Hicks '92 (holding Dylan), Reid Townsend '92 (holding Andrew), Marcus Wong (seated), Jennifer Miyahira '94 Townsend (holding Luke), Breanna Wong (seated), Jana Yates '92 Nelson, Jen Wong '92, Shannon Bremner '92 Wong, Valerie Chun '92, Brendan Sekulich '23 and Leah Sekulich '25.

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Aloha, '92ers!

Alexis Skigen Rago traveled with sons, Charlie (11) and Cole (8), around Southern California in June. She visited classmates, including **Jen Wong**, **Grace Leung** and her family, **Kathleen Man Gyllenhaal** and **Maryam Tehranian** Kia-Keating. Alexis made her entrepreneurial dream a reality in 2018 with Marketing Mana LLC, a marketing strategy consulting firm that creates powerful connections between small businesses and their customers based on customer understanding. She absolutely loves what she does, and it's been fun to incorporate Hawai'i in her day-to-day interactions with clients. She sends a special mahalo to **Jennifer Tanabe** for Marketing Mana's awesome logo.

An article in Civil Beat, shared by **Blair Sataraka**, featured our very own **Clare Connors**, Hawai'i's sixth Attorney General. Touting her work ethic and conviction, the article ended by questioning where the future will take her after Hawai'i Gov. David Ige's term ends. "I don't think there's anything she couldn't do,"

said Judge David Ezra. "She has an extremely broad portfolio." Clare says she hasn't given much thought to the future; "I don't have a clear path based on some predetermined notion of where I should go, but I think it's clear to me that I will be willing to answer the call," she said. "That's part of the Catholic faith. When you're called, you answer it." We're eagerly awaiting to see where you land, Clare.

Anna Dailey McCartney also shared an article from The Guardian, "The 100 Best Books of the 21st Century." Next to the likes of Nora Ephron, J.K. Rowling and Stephen King was **Hanya Yanagihara's** 2015 book, "A Little Life." As the editor-in-chief of T: The New York Times Style Magazine, Hanya regularly travels to Japan and other wonderful locales around the world to keep the rest of us abreast of the newest travel, fashion and cultural phenomena.



Carlton Yuen '92 during his state record deadlift at the Alaka'i Raw Powerlifting meet on O'ahu.



Happy Birthday, Ella! Classmates celebrate Mike '93 and Sunhwa Yu's daughter's, Ella Yu, first birthday.

Dr. **Christine Won** was quoted in a New York Times article "Parenting - The Exhaustion is Real." No arguments from most parents, I'm sure. As the director of the Yale Center of Sleep Medicine, she provided the following tips:

1. Try to keep a consistent schedule when going to bed and waking up. "If your schedule is shifting back and forth, you're unlikely to feel refreshed or have good quality sleep."
2. If that's impossible, "Thirty to 60 minutes of bright light therapy right after you wake up, either from a light box or from daylight."
3. "Strategic caffeine use is fine if you have trouble waking up, but keep it to the mornings, and no more than two cups a day — otherwise you'll have difficulty falling asleep or suffer from sleep fragmentation."
4. "A power nap can do wonders. Limit your nap to 20-40 minutes, and you should not nap less than six hours before going to sleep."

Making an impact on Hawai'i's food scene, **Ho Suk Lee** opened his third restaurant, Ya-Ya's Chophouse & Seafood, with his business partner, Bo Pathammavong, in November. Located in trendy Kaka'ako, the restaurant is their take on a steakhouse with Asian influences. President Obama paid them a visit in early January. Ya-Ya's adds to their portfolio of Uncle Bo's in Kapahulu and Hale'iwa.

Dr. **Carlton Yuen** started his powerlifting career in 2019, and has been kicking butt in the masters division. He entered his first competition, the Alaka'i Raw Powerlifting Meet, and took first place in his weight and age class in deadlift and set a state record. Way to go, Carlton! During the day, Carlton owns Aloha Vision Consultants with our classmate, Dr. **Jason Tokunaga**, and serves as the chairman of the department of ophthalmology at Kuakini Medical Center and the Chief of Ophthalmology Division at Hawai'i Medical Center West.

It goes without saying, our Class is living up to the adjective assigned to us by Principal Win Healy, "accomplished."

Aloha,
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Happy New Year, gang!

Over the holiday break correspondent, **Dave Ciano**, caught up with **Dave Cheong**. Here's what he's been up to.

Where have you been since graduating from college?
I've been living in the Bay Area since 1999.

Where are you and what are you doing now?
I live in San Jose. I am currently vice president of technology at Title Nine, a woman-owned company specializing in women's active, adventure and travel apparel.

What do you do at your workplace?
I run the technology department. My focus is to transform our technology stack to a more modern cloud infrastructure and deliver business capabilities quicker to meet our customer demands.

Any breaking news for you or your family?
We just had our first baby in September! A boy named Damian.

Tell us something about you that we couldn't find on Google or Facebook.
I love to cook. My wife and I are pretty focused on nutrition. We try to cook at home as much as possible. We often try new recipes with new ingredients.

If you could go back to high school and change one thing, what would change?
Focus heavily on learning a second language.

What is one thing that Punahou has taught you?
Relationships really matter in life. Learn to foster them by giving more than taking.

If your time at Punahou was a cafeteria food item, what food item would it be and why?
Chili con carne. It was all mixed up, but somehow it satisfied you.

Fave Chapel song?
"Eagles Wings!"

What's the first thing you'd do if you could go to Punahou Carnival?
Buy an umbrella! Joking. I haven't been in 15 years, so I'd eat as much as possible.

Best Punahou Carnival memory?
Working at the Toys tent in '92, and Greg Dikilato hooking us up with some sweet jerseys!

What are reading right now?
"How to Raise a Boy." I needed a good guide after our little guy was born.

Where do you see life taking you in the future?
We have longer lives to live, so I think my career will likely change in the future. Perhaps own a small business to keep busy and connected with the community.



Guinevere Harrison '94 de la Mare, Liz Yee '94 and their families shared an amazing plate lunch over the holidays at the taro patches of Hanalei! From left: Ted Coons, Liz, Guinevere, Nick de la Mare, Guinevere's sister-in-law, Clare Chamberlain, Doug Yee '61 and Caroline Yee.

What are some of things still left on your bucket list?
Live abroad. I missed out on teaching English in Japan when I was in my 20s. I still want to experience living in another country. My wife is from Germany, so we may move there in order to immerse Damian in German language and culture.

One thing none of your classmates know about you?
I'm an ice cream connoisseur. I always try to have some local varieties when I travel. So far, Sevilla, Spain is on top of the leaderboard. Dave's Ice Cream in 'Aiea is my Hawai'i favorite.

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Welcome to 2020 and a new decade! As we are all '70s babies, we have now lived in six different decades and two centuries!

Guinevere Harrison de la Mare, Liz Yee and their families shared an amazing plate lunch over the holidays at the taro patches of Hanalei! In 2012, Guinevere co-founded Silent Book Club (SBC) and is taking the literary world by storm. SBC now has more than 100 active chapters around the globe.

Congratulations to **Celeste Connors**, who was nominated to the Hawaiian Electric Industries board of directors last year. Celeste is the executive director of Hawai'i Green Growth, which is advancing Hawai'i's resilience to climate change and supporting the development and implementation of Island-focused green growth.

Kent Kasaoka joined the accounting firm, Kawahara & Hu, LLC, in October, and shares an office space with **Grant Takamatsu**.

Dawn Barsana Szewczyk made it home before the new year after a whirlwind itinerary to get from Singapore to Washington State before Christmas. She will be in Singapore for two more years, as she recently extended her contract.

Send us your news, wishes for the new year (and the new decade) or anything else that you'd like to share in print!

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Hey, '95ers:

A few classmates came home for the holidays. **Kevin Saito**, who was in town with his family for the holidays, is busy working at a company that provides online gaming platforms. **Chad Yoshinaka** and family came home to visit from Texas. We reconnected with **Reid Yamamoto** and his family, who were visiting from California, at **Audrey Ida Nakamura's** house. Other '95ers in attendance were **Jeffrey Shitaoka, Aaron Bischoff, Karl Higa, Chad Zane, Shanelle Kaneshiro Yamamoto** and **Steffany Ho Wong**.

We're sorry to share that our classmate, **Sylvia E. Barbut Ravaglia**, passed away on Jan. 1,

2020, after being struck by a car while doing what she loved – running. After graduating from Punahou, Sylvia received her bachelor of science degree in physics from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). While studying at CMU, she met her husband, Mark Ravaglia, and they married in 2003. The couple returned to Hawai'i in 2004, and made their home in Waimea on Hawai'i Island. After her daughter, Tiffany, was born in 2007, Sylvia quickly progressed from running marathons to ultramarathons, completing multiple Ironman and one Ultraman races and even running the timed mile. She was an amazing mother, a gifted writer and artist, a talented equestrian and an exceptional athlete. Sylvia is survived by her husband and daughter, and her extended family. Gifts in Sylvia's memory can be made to the Sylvia & Tiffany Ravaglia Aloha Fund on GoFundMe or to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy to support student scholarships for summer trail running opportunities.

Wendy Hellekson writes that she has been living in Connecticut for the past 15 years as an ESL teacher. Recently, she completed her second master's degree in library and information studies (MLIS) for K-12 and is now officially a librarian. Congratulations, Wendy!

Aloha, Annmarie and Stef

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Hope the first part of 2020 has brought good things to you and your family. One of my resolutions this year was to be more proactive in keeping in touch with classmates. Don't be surprised if you get an email from me this year. Please reply! I started out by reaching out to our classmates who are living out on the East Coast. I was so thrilled to get the following replies.

Kyuri Yi Weng is living in New York City with her husband, Eric, and sons, Will (7) and Noah (2). She is an asset manager at Invesco, an investment management company. She spends her time playing with the boys, attending Redeemer Presbyterian Church, and when she has a chance she enjoys running in the parks or reading a book. I'm so impressed – I only have one kid and can't remember the last book I read!

Marci Morimoto has been living in New York City for nearly 19 years and has no plans to move. She loves city life. She is working her



Marci Morimoto '96 in a dress that she made in the style of 1870, the year The Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded. She crafted each piece herself – chemise, drawers, corset, bustle, petticoat, skirt, overskirt and bodice.



Class of '95 families celebrated Christmas at Audrey Ida '95 Nakamura's house. Included were Jeffrey Shitaoka's family, Reid Yamamoto's family, Chad Yoshinaka's family, Audrey Ida, Stefanie Park, Steffany Ho Wong, Shanelle Kaneshiro Yamamoto, Karl Higa and Chad Zane.



Friends from the Class of '97, Cappi Itagaki, Lauren Cabral Salem and Mindy Yamamoto Pierce, gathered in New York City, in December, to celebrate Mindy's 40th birthday.



Kara Hallstrom '97 and Doug Kreeger '97, on Oct. 25, 2019, in the Utah mountains. From left: Jeff, Kara, Jaqueline Schmidt '97 Appleby with her daughter, Teddy and Kara's niece, Alice.



Kara Hallstrom '97 married Jeff Larsen on Sept. 27, 2019, in the Utah mountains. From left: Jeff, Kara, Jaqueline Schmidt '97 Appleby with her daughter, Teddy and Kara's niece, Alice.



Banzai Friends and classmates gathered for Jordan Ushijima's '97 yakudoshi in December, at the Waikiki Aquarium. From left: Reid Hoshide '97, Derek Lock '97, Darren Takaki '97, Tafiti Uso '97, friend Glenn Takaki, Ernie Shiraki '97, Ken Goto '97, David Sugihara '97, Ryan Auyoung '97, Jordan Ushijima '97, Keenan Sue '97, Evan Nomura '97, Will Kim '97, Derek Suzuki '97, David Gorman '96, friend Kimo Saito, Keslie Hui '97 and Matt Shido '97.

dream job as the associate collections manager at the Costume Institute of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she has been for the last 17 years. Work is keeping her busy as the Met celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2020. She shared that she is married and doesn't have plans to have kids. Outside of work, she says she still a huge geek and enjoys spending her time making costumes, both historical and pop cultural, for her and her husband (take a look at the photo she submitted – amazing!). She is also volunteering for the Elizabeth Warren presidential campaign and is looking forward to trips to Europe in the spring and summer.

Another classmate looking forward to some travel later this year is **Jason Turse**, who will be retiring from the U.S. Navy in June after 20 years of service as an intelligence officer. While serving, he completed five deployments, including three with special operations units to Afghanistan and one to Iraq, as well as service at sea and with The White House. After Jason retires, he and his wife, Deniz Bilgesu, will remain in Virginia, as he makes his career transition to refocus on opportunities in the tech sector in the Washington, D.C. area.

Please send an update to let us know what you've been up to. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Traveling to Las Vegas, you might expect to run into someone you know. One would not expect the same odds in Salt Lake City, Utah, but low and behold – **Doug Kreeger** and **Kara Hallstrom** defied those odds. On a random fall day, in the middle of Salt Lake City, these two serendipitously ran into each other.

Kara's account: "I'd been living in Salt Lake City for a few years, after some stints in New York City and San Francisco, when I was walking down the street to grab some lunch. And can you believe it? Who do I see a few steps ahead of me, but alum-chum Doug Kreeger. This is kismet, people! We hadn't seen each other in decades, and here we are, two kids from Hawai'i finding each other on a Salt Lake City corner too many years later. It was so fun to catch up with him that weekend and to rekindle that friendship." What was Doug doing in Utah? Here is Doug's account: "I had just landed in Salt Lake City to attend a wedding and was downtown looking for a

place for lunch when, to my surprise, I heard my name being called. What are the odds that Kara Hallstrom should happen to be crossing the same intersection at that exact moment? We hugged, caught up briefly and made plans for brunch before I left. It was a remarkable and joyful coincidence that proves my ties to Punahou run mystically deep."

Kara married Jeff Larsen in September 2019, in the Utah mountains. It was a perfect fall wedding day. **Jacqueline Schmidt** flew in for 24 hours with her daughter, Teddy, to be there - the best wedding gift! After the wedding, they travelled to Honolulu for their honeymoon and reconnected with **Ahnya Chang** for a magical night in Waikiki. Kara says she is forever grateful to Punahou for such beautiful, lasting friendships.

As for Doug, he is living in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Silver Lake with boyfriend, Chris, and rescue dog, Max. Last year was filled with performances – an extended run of "The Brat Pack" at Break Room 86, roles in concert readings of new musicals, demo recordings, charity concerts, and a return to the role of Harry in the second year of "Love Actually Live" at The Wallis. Doug's pet care business, PetProGo, has continued to grow, with a full roster of happy clients and busy employees.

Thanks to **Mindy Yamamoto** Pierce for sharing a photo of her fun 40 get-together with **Lauren Cabral Salem** and **Cappi Itagaki** in New York City. They were on their way to sing karaoke in the East Village. Mindy says, "It is crazy



Heather Watkins '98 Winiacki and Maya Gedeon-Habayeb '98 visited in San Antonio, over the Thanksgiving holiday.

random, but Lauren's kids and my kids go to the same school, Avenues, in New York City! She has four kids, Keko (10), Makena (8), Kainoa (6) and Malia (4), so her youngest two are the same grade as my oldest two, Elle (5) and Harlow (4). I also have a younger daughter, Maile, who's 18 months. As for Cappi, she's in Hawai'i practicing law, including fertility and surrogacy law, which keeps her really busy. For the past four years she's taken an annual December trip to New York City.

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Hello, '98ers!

Heather Watkins Winiacki reports that she has moved to San Antonio, where she is working as a product manager. She informs me that Texas is the new place to be, as a ton of our classmates have relocated to the Lonestar State. In fact, **Maya Gedeon-Habayeb** was able to meet up with Heather over Thanksgiving at the San Antonio Riverwalk. Maya has been living in Houston for the last six years with her husband and two kids. She works in human resources and talent management consulting.

Linda McLaren Robinson is also living in Texas. She has been in Houston since 2005, with her husband and three kids. She is a mechanical engineer doing failure analysis and troubleshooting. Before moving to Houston, she lived in Kansas City and was still celebrating the Chiefs' Super Bowl victory. **Tracy Hresko** Pearl is a law professor at Texas Tech University. Finally, also in Texas are **Heather Beerman** and **Jane Taylor**. I hope to get a little bit more information about them for the next Bulletin. Maybe we'll uncover more classmates calling Texas home.

Linda passed along that **Kate Lee** has become the first ever director of urban agriculture within the Washington, D.C. Department of Energy and Environment. She will oversee the new Office of Urban Agriculture. Farm-to-table is so 2010. We're going rooftop-to-table now!

Over in San Diego, **Bibi Fell** has opened up her own law practice, doing big-time wrongful death and personal injury court cases and appearing on legal magazines. Congratulations, Bibi!

In baby news – **Christian Enright** welcomed his second child, Kealia.

That's it for now. If you have any desire to see your name in the Bulletin, let me, Jarin or Mark know!

Aloha,
Daniel

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Hi, Class of '99!

I hope all is well with you! Here's a little news from two of our classmates.

Daniel Akiyama wrote in to share his experience with a kupuna alumna:

"I recently had the honor of meeting **Wai Chee Chun '34** Yee. It was thanks to author R. Zamora 'Zack' Linmark, Punahou's 2019 writer in residence, whose current project centers on literature in Pidgin (Hawaiian Creole English). Mrs. Yee is the author of the 1936 play, 'For You a Lei,' which many scholars believe is the oldest extant work written in Pidgin. I was helping Zack with some research, and we were delighted to learn that Mrs. Yee is still very active and regularly attends Class Reunions, most recently the 2019 Kupuna Lu'au. Through her daughter, **Libby Yee '68**, we were able to speak with Mrs. Yee in her Manoa home, where she recalled her childhood, her education at



Friends, **Alissa Ebisui '99** Baligad and **Kelsy Suen '04**, surprised their kids with a Christmas trip to the happiest place on Earth – Disneyland! Front row, from left: **Aliya Baligad** and **Royson Dumalao '30**. Back row, from left: **Jason Baligad**, **Alissa Ebisui '99** Baligad, **Kelsy Suen '04** and **Bronson Dumalao**.

the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Columbia University, and her writing. She reminisced about growing up in Honolulu during the streetcar days, working in her father's 'A'ala menswear store, and attending Punahou. She spoke fondly of her friendship with **Irmgard Hormann '33**. Now 102 years old, Mrs. Yee says the secret to longevity is 'to be active – think actively and exercise. That's important. That brings good health.'"

As for Daniel – he's living on O'ahu doing independent research on the history of theatre and playwriting at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in the early 20th century. That's how he ended up assisting Linmark with his work, which led to the meeting with Mrs. Yee. He also writes plays occasionally. He's currently working on a new play entitled, "Games for Boys." The play had a developmental workshop and reading last year in Kailua. Keep up the good work, Daniel!

Alissa Ebisui Baligad sent in an update and a fun story! After her dad, **Edwin Ebisui Jr. '70**, passed away in 2018, she closed his law practice of 40 years and started working part time at Ka'ala Elementary School in Wahiawa as an English Language Learner teacher. In her spare time she takes her daughter, **Aliya**, to hula, taiko and flag football! She got back into playing taiko after a 17-year hiatus and really enjoys it! Fun story from Alissa: "Surprised our kids with a Christmas trip to Disneyland and California Adventure on Christmas morning! Jason, Aliya and I went with **Kelsy Suen '04**, **Bronson Dumalao** and



Daniel Akiyama '99 (standing) and Punahou writer in residence, **R. Zamora "Zack" Linmark**, visited with **Wai Chee Chun '34** Yee at her Manoa home, where she reminisced about growing up in Honolulu and attending Punahou.

Royson Dumalao '30. We arrived in stormy weather and tornado warnings, but we still had a blast and really enjoyed all the festivities at the most magical place on earth!"



Luka Siliga '00 Pule, **Mele Judd-Cox '00** and **Luka's son, Pa'ia**, on a field trip to **Waihuena Farm** on the North Shore of O'ahu.



The Class of 2000 celebrates the life of **Marian McLeod '00**, who passed away in October, after a battle with cancer. She was a librarian at Sacred Heart Greenwich, an all-girls independent school in Connecticut. Classmates and friends remember her as humble, generous, hilarious and extraordinarily kind. Marian was enthusiastic about her love of books, and her family encourages us all to visit a library and borrow a book in her honor.

It's nice to receive updates and pictures from everyone. Keep them coming! Next up, Punahou Carnival roundup! Please send your pictures and stories from Hawaiian Plate!

Aloha,
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It's with a heavy heart that we share the news that our friend and classmate, **Marian McLeod**, passed away in October 2019. She was battling gallbladder cancer. After Punahou, Marian graduated from the University of Puget Sound, then earned a master's in library science from Pratt Institute in 2010. She was a librarian at Sacred Heart Greenwich, an all-girls independent school in Greenwich, Connecticut. She loved traveling, running, sharing her love of books and spending time with family and friends. Marian is survived by her parents, **Maxwell McLeod** and **Ke-Ching Ning** of Manoa; and sisters, **Dina McLeod '02** and **Erica McLeod '04**. Instead of donations or flowers, her sisters encourage us all to visit a library and borrow a book to honor Marian.

Luka Siliga Pule reports: "This has been a busy year for me. I still teach fifth grade at Sunset Beach Elementary School. I frequently see **Mele Judd-Cox**, who owns Waihuena Farms right next to our school. On a recent field trip, Mele was our host! In addition to teaching, I opened a Kumon Center at Sunset Beach in September. It's been a crazy, busy, but fulfilling ride!"

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In from **Kara Sugihara Nguyen**:

Travis Chock and his business partners opened a new bar in the heart of downtown Portland – Two Wrongs. The bar is dubbed as a high-end bar that doesn't take itself too seriously. The menu offers cupcakes with a cocktail pairing and a dice game, where you can roll for a beverage. Two Wrongs' slogan is "Bring your A game." Congratulations to Travis on the success of both of his businesses, Two Wrongs and Baseballism.



Newlywed **Davis Ogitani '01** celebrated his Utah wedding in June 2019, with **Blaine Bolibol '10**, **Harris Ogitani '04**, **Kua'ana Kekuewa '01** and **Greg Endo '01**.



Punahou alumni returned to the Islands to celebrate the marriage of Keri Tochiki '01 and Paul Cannon. The happy couple reside in the United Kingdom. From left: Kristin Hamada '01, Lee Hiromoto '01, Dana Arakawa '01, Paul, Keri, Mari Manuia '01, Beth Baker '01 Vallarino, Sara Ayabe '01, Amita Manghni '02 Cantres, Sarah Tochiki '03 and Rachel Tochiki '08.



Scott Morita '02 and Jackie Palola celebrate their wedding on Dec. 28, 2019, with friends and family at the Halekulani Hotel.



Beach day! Classmates from 2002 gathered with their friends and family at Baby Makapu'u over the holidays, including Leanne Cassella '02 Nichols, Cecily Reber '02 Sakai, Elizabeth Lee '02 Fujino, Stacy Ma '02, Kristina Izumi '02 Rau, Mark Rau '01, Daya Mau '02 Akina, Briana Ackerman '02, Thomas Oakes '00 and Jessica Hosoi '00.

Davis Ogitani married Lauren Lassiegné in June 2019, at Snowbasin Resort in Huntsville, Utah. Davis and Lauren shared the day with Blaine Bolibol '10, Harris Ogitani '04, Kua'ana Kekuewa, Greg Endo and Naomi Karlen '03. Davis is a hospitalist physician working at a Utah hospital, while Lauren is a labor and delivery nurse.

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Update from the Tanuvasa family – Mike '04 and Lauren Tanaka Tanuvasa's son, Blaze '32, entered kindergarten at Punahou this year, and their younger son, Dre, just turned 1. Their daughter, Jacelyn, is at Sacred Hearts Academy, on the varsity cheerleading team that recently won the state competition.

Stacy Ma reports that she had a great holiday celebration, where she enjoyed visiting with Leanne Cassella Nichols and Elizabeth Lee Fujino and their families, who were visiting from out of town.

Congratulations and best wishes to Marshall Ignas and Shaholly Ayers, who were married in 2019 in a small beach ceremony.

Scott Morita married Jackie Palola on Dec. 28, 2019, at the Halekulani. The wedding party included groomsmen, Philip Ho and Radford



Eli and Cecily Reber '02 Sakai enjoy a fall day with their sons at Waimanalo Country Farms.



Classmates were on hand to toast the marriage of Kevin Lau '02 to Rosaline Choi on July 6, 2019, at the Maple Lawn Elks Lodge in San Mateo. From left: Chris Gibu, Steven Chun, Kevin Lau, Korey Kam and Jonathan Ching.

Goto '89; and Scott's sister, Kimi Morita '04, as Jackie's bridesmaid. In attendance were Peter Lee, Jason Ching, Nicholas Chang, Kurt Zwald, Kim Ang, Blake Matsuura '03, Nikki Higa '99 and Karen Park '06.

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Exciting news to share! Christine Terada has volunteered to co-author the notes for our Class. You can send updates to either of us.

Jennifer Lee Ontai and Cathy Schmitt organized a 2019 holiday donation drive to support Helping Hands Hawai'i. Thank you to the 51 of our classmates who made gifts to adopt two local families of five! If you missed it, follow us on Facebook, since it's likely that we'll do it again in 2020.

Bhavana Pathak Vyas passed both the hematology and oncology boards this past fall. Good job, Bhavana!

Leanne Day recently moved home. She is working as an assistant professor in the English department at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, while also completing her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Makena Carr visited David Semenza, Stanley Fisher, Kyle Morgan, Kristen Saruwatari and Adam Edwards for a San Francisco 49ers game. No word on how the friendship stands after the Seattle Seahawks beat the 49ers, that day. Also, congratulations to Stan, who recently completed the requirements to become a licensed journeyman electrician.

Sarah Tochiki was honored by the YWCA of Kaua'i as one of Na Wahine Alaka'i Kaua'i (Women Leaders of Kaua'i). Sarah is the band director at Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School and the director of the Kaua'i Community College instrumental music program. She continues to promote music at



Classmates of 2003, David Semenza, Makena Carr, Stanley Fisher, Kyle Morgan, Kristen Saruwatari and Adam Edwards, catch up in San Francisco, at the 49ers versus Seahawks game.

a variety of levels and was featured in a Punahou Bulletin article in spring 2019.

Congratulations to Kira Teshima Conlon and her husband, Wyatt, who welcomed their daughter, Ama, in August, and also to Shaina Sonobe Au and her husband, Tim Au '00, who welcomed their daughter, Rylee, in July. Rylee joins her big brother, Dylan.

In further baby news, congratulations to Kelly Karns Gardner, her husband, John, and first son, Johnny, who welcomed their new addition, Kyle Kaimana Gardner, on Nov. 7. Kelly is living in San Jose, and is currently working in business development for a life science device company. She has enjoyed getting together with some of our '03 classmates recently, including David Semenza, Shauna Imanaka, Katie Miura and Kacy Church.

Thanks again to Alison Wilson Nakamatsu for organizing, and everyone who came out to volunteer for Carnival! More on that next time!

Please update us with your latest news and accomplishments. We love hearing from you!

Krystle and Christine



Friends and '04 classmates, Laura Mason, Rachel Borg, Gus Downs, Romina Takimoto, Carolin Zia and Nicholai Joaquin, met up in Honolulu over the holidays for festive, fun times.



Sun Woo Choi '04 and family at the beach.

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2020! New year, new decade, new you? Did you know we have lived in four different decades, two different centuries, two different millenniums and we're not even 40 yet?! What a time to be alive!

Here are our Class notes: **Sun Woo Choi** lives in Utah with his wife, Jihae Song, and three children. He has been married for 11 years! After 10 years in the credit card industry, he now owns and operates the largest Korean barbecue restaurant in Utah – Yummy's Korean BBQ and Sushi! The restaurant is in Orem, near Provo. He reports: "The restaurant has been so fun as we have a couple dishes like meat jun and Portuguese sausage that are very hard to find outside of Hawai'i. It's always fun to chat with customers from back home. We have quite a few Punahou alumni that come through here as well."

Rocky Marcus recently moved to New York City. He works as an engineer doing electrical design for WB Engineering, a mechanical/electrical/plumbing firm. In his free time, he continues to contra dance, which is a type of folk dance close to square dancing or English country dancing. Rocky has been trying to connect with **Albert Chan**, who is in the city. Albert, if you're reading this, pick up the phone and make plans with Rocky.

Kelsy Suen surprised her son, **Royson '30**, with a trip to California for Christmas. Kelsy and friend, **Alissa Ebisui '99** Baligad, spent five days with their families at Disneyland and Disney California Adventure Park. Kelsy is a hairstylist at Salon Kai in Manoa.

Jessica Broadfoot Lee and husband, Wilson, welcomed their first daughter, Sienna, in March 2019! Jess relayed that she qualified for her company's annual top performers trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico. Better brush off your Spanish, Jess! Cancun is calling your name. Felicidades!



Marissa Ford '05 Brown celebrates her elopement to Jared Brown with friends and classmates. From left: Michele Kawate '07, Meli Magana '05, Marissa, Alice Crosara '05 Frankowski, Lisa Kowal '97 Rose and Risa Hata '19.



Myca Ferrer '05, his classmates and friends (seriously) celebrate his wedding to Lorraine Pascual at La Pietra – Hawai'i School for Girls.

Sanoe Keawe Lyman DeCaires is living in Hamilton, New Zealand! Kia ora! She is a full-time, stay-at-home "mum" raising six boys and (finally) a baby girl, who was born in March 2019. Sanoe wants everyone to know that if anyone makes it down to New Zealand, she would love to catch up. I'm assuming we all would need to go directly to her because she has seven kids, but who knows, maybe she'll get a mum's day off and can come to us!

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Happy New Year, everyone!

Here are some updates from our classmates.

Congratulations to **Myca Ferrer**, who married Lorraine Pascual at a ceremony at La Pietra – Hawaii School for Girls! In attendance were classmates and friends: **Monica Andrews '04**, **Jared Tam**, **Kristen Kogachi**, Trey and **Jamie Gomes** Castleberry, **Natalie Parker Smith**, **Jane**



Elyse Inouye '05 with her husband, Doug, and son, Austin.



Kevin Kawada, Laura Kawamoto '05, Hannah Chang '05, Tiare Nakata '05, Debra Frascarelli '05 Sumile, Kelsey Mukai '05 Fujinaka, Sean Chu '05 and Kimberly Wun '05 enjoyed high tea over the holidays.



Friends from the Class of 2006 gathered to celebrate the marriage of Eric '06 and Megan Akamine '06 Abbott.

Diehl Greulich, Koke'e Coscina, AJ Greulich, Sheena David, Paige Markham Yang, Raul Aguila, Ashlyn Tom, Kristien Alquero, Marcus Oda, Katherine Mills, Aja Dang and Andrew Mau.

Over the summer, **Marissa Ford** Brown celebrated her elopement with Jared Brown in Oregon, with friends and family, including **Michele Kawate '07, Melissa Magana, Marissa Ford Brown, Alice Crosara Frankowski, Lisa Kowal '97** Rose and **Risa Hata '19**.

A few of our friends welcomed babies into the world, including **Kelsey Mukai** Fujinaka, who had a baby girl in June. Kelsey is psychologist who collaborates with nonprofits that support rural and underserved populations in Hawai'i. Over the holidays, she caught up with friends **Laura Kawamoto, Hannah Chang, Tiare Nakata, Debra Frascarelli Sumile, Sean Chu** and **Kimberly Wun**.

Elyse Inouye is enjoying life with her toddler, August. Elyse is a casual nurse at Punahou, which has proved to be a fun walk down memory lane!

Please continue to send in your notes and pictures.



Mike '06 and Ellen Egedal with their baby, Maile, in Haena, Kaua'i, during the holidays.

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Aloha, Class of 2006:

Congratulations to **Eric and Megan Akamine Abbott**, who were married in September 2019, on O'ahu. A number of our classmates joined them to celebrate.

Mike Egedal and his wife, Ellen, who live in Oakland, welcomed their daughter, Maile Celeste, in September 2019.

Nicholas "Nick" Choy is enjoying his new position as international tax manager at Salesforce in San Francisco. He has been in the city for five years, during which he held the same position at Ernst & Young.

Ikaika Aki moved to Los Angeles, where he has taken on a new role the assistant coach for men's and women's water polo at Loyola Marymount University. Before his new role, Ikaika spent four years as assistant coach at Punahou for boys and girls varsity I water polo.

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Hello, Class of 2007!

I hope you all are having a great 2020! We have so much to look forward to! Let's get to the updates.

Kelly Hee married Richard Gillham on Oct. 26, 2019, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. The wedding was attended by **Geoff Zen, Janice Voigtmann, Mark Ohara, Ian Horie, Marissa Isaki, Zack Chung, Wes Okazaki, Lauren Hu** and **Kimberlee Au '09**, with **Elise Nakamura** as Kelly's maid of honor. Kelly and Richard live in San Jose, where she works at KPMG, implementing Oracle Cloud solutions. He is a controller at AirSystems, a construction and HVAC company.

Ashley Almqvist-Ingersoll and her dog, Jackie, recently joined her husband, Petter, and their cat, Glenn, in Sturefors, Sweden. Ashley says after she's gained her "linguistic legs" she'd like to open a package free/bulk food store. "Sustainability and being carbon neutral is a goal in Linkoping, she said "I think a business



Classmates, Cory Nicely '07 (left) and Maria Gotay '07 (right), enjoy a picnic by the water when Maria visited Cory in Sydney, Australia.



Kelly Hee '07 and her husband, Richard Gillham, married at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in October 2019.

like that would make perfect sense for a place like that." In the meantime, she is excited to start this new chapter of car-free, coffee-drinking, bike-riding, knit-sweater-wearing Swedish life!

Linnea Schuster has also recently made a move. She moved to San Diego with her husband, Michael, who is stationed at Naval Base San Diego. Before the move, their relationship was long distance for two years, while Linnea was working in Honolulu at the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals. She took the California Bar exam in February. She's hoping to get into the San Diego rowing and paddling scene now that the test is completed. Her friend, **Lani Maher**, has recently moved to Los Angeles. Lani recently completed a clerkship with Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald of the Hawai'i Supreme Court before her move. Now she serves as a deputy attorney general for the Environment Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

Maria Gotay enjoyed a four-month backpacking trip at the end of 2019. She spent six weeks in Australia, including a visit to Tasmania. She visited **Cory Nicely** in Sydney, where Cory is living with her fiancé, Matt. Cory has been living in Australia for the past few years, working for R/GA. She and Matt enjoy surfing as much as possible in their free time. After

her time in Australia, Maria then spent the next two to three months traveling in the U. S. She stopped in Hawai'i, even though her folks moved away 10 years ago, and got to watch **Jennifer Proctor** finish the Honolulu Marathon in under four hours! Her travels also included reunions with longtime friends, **Samantha Ng** and **Mallory Klum**, in Portland, Oregon. Mallory moved to Portland in February 2019, with the help of Samantha and her husband, Andrew. Mallory currently works as a health care fraud investigator at Regence, a health insurance company. She has been spending her free time hiking, taking art classes, exploring the city, and lately, she has gotten into bouldering and snowshoeing. She has two cats, Roswell and Roscoe.

Kainoa Carlson officially took over as the sports director at Hawaii News Now in July 2018, and spent much of 2019 traveling the country in all sorts of capacities! From covering the Heisman Trophy ceremony in New York City, to the University of Hawai'i Men's Volleyball NCAA title appearance, it was quite a whirlwind year for him. Last fall, he was exceptionally busy covering the football season. He notes: "I am so blessed to achieve the dream of sports broadcasting I have always aspired to."

Thanks for the updates everyone! Keep them coming!



Joy Piotrowski '09 married Hunter Smith on Dec. 29, 2019, in Waimea Valley, complete with a sword ceremony.



Shelby Asato '09 and Kale Yuen wed on Sept. 14, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa.

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Happy New Year, Class of 2008! Hope this new decade is off to a wonderful start for everyone!

After seven years of working at BP, **Paul Cronkhite** recently took a job with Apple and relocated from Chicago to San Francisco (after stints in Indiana, Texas and Scotland). He is looking forward to catching up with the Bay Area Punahou network, so please reach out and send him a note if you're in the area. (We know there are a bunch of you over there!)

Even though many of us are connected digitally, please continue to submit class notes and photos. We love to share what you're up to with the Punahou community – in print! Feel free to reach out to any of the listed correspondents. Mahalo!

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Shelby Asato of Kane'ohe and Kale Yuen of Kula first met each other in 2009 as freshmen at the University of Washington in Seattle, where they both pursued degrees in

engineering. They began dating toward the end of their senior year and continued to live in Washington after graduation. After five years together, Kale proposed to Shelby on May 20, 2018. That weekend, Shelby's parents, grandparents and sister flew into Seattle for a family vacation. The Asato clan boarded a ferry to Vashon Island, a large island in the Puget Sound, west of Seattle, where they planned to meet Kale. To Shelby's surprise, Kale emerged from the ferry cabin and proposed to her during the crossing. The two wed on Sept. 14, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. Classmates, **J.T. Ojerio, Sarah Nonaka, Mari Carmichael, Monica Arnold, Jimmy Yamasaki, Kellye Yamamoto and Erin Hanagami Bailey**, attended. The Yuens live in Seattle and both are civil engineers.

Joy Piotrowski married Hunter Smith on Dec. 29, 2019, in Waimea Valley. The pair was introduced by Joy's maid of honor, Janet, her best friend from undergraduate at Dartmouth College, who also attended medical school with Hunter. They started dating while Hunter was completing a rotation at Tripler Hospital as a fourth-year medical student, and Joy was studying at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Their wedding weekend was filled with many festivities – an Aloha Party at Joy's family's house, where guests were treated to banana soft-serve from the Banan truck; a sword ceremony at their wedding; and Spam musubi during cocktail hour of their reception, just to name a few. Fellow classmates, **Jessica Lum, Kelli Lim, and Lauren Beaton**, were among Joy's bridesmaids.

As always, we are eager to hear about your whereabouts, accomplishments and special moments to include our Class notes.



Rachel King '08 married Kurush Italia on Sept. 9, 2019, at Kualoa Ranch. From left: Kelsey Auten '08, Kristie Kam '08, Angelino Baltazar, Nikki Allyn Yep '08, Rachel, Kurush, Erin Jong '08, Nicole Pfeffer '08, Eslie and Brittany Isobe-Gutierrez '08.



In November, Aaron Komo '09 joined Target Corporation at their headquarters in Minneapolis, as a social media manager on their marketing team. Here he is wearing his Target Aloha shirt on his first Aloha Friday at the office, throwing a shaka with a larger-than-life Bullseye made of LEGO.



Classmates of 2010 gathered at sunrise on New Year's Day. Front row, from left: Jordan Ng, Ari Tsuchiya, friend Michael Field, friend Ally Oh, Bethany Oshiro and Maya Yamane. Back row, from left: Reed Tsuda, Blaine Bolibol, Ryan Tsuzaki, Lisa Matsukata, Sean Watanabe, Ryan Uyehara, Brian Dang, Jason Frifeldt, Chris Manibog, Mark Ogata, Elliot Kim and Kristi Kobayashi.



Congratulations to Jessica Gronna '11 and Arthur Callort, who got married in November 2019, in Santa Barbara, California.

Sani Fuimaono is working toward his MBA while raising his two girls alongside his wife in Arizona. He recently began working as a financial adviser and is enjoying every moment of it.

Alaka'i Aglipay is working as a community counselor for high school graduates at the Institute of Native Pacific Education and Culture in Wai'anae. Still a varsity football coach at Punahou, he has taken on an additional role as head coach and program coordinator for varsity baseball at Maryknoll School. Alaka'i is the youngest ILH varsity baseball head coach in the state.

Many classmates gathered at **Thomas Masaniai-Farm's** house in 'Aiea to catch up and reminisce including **Jeremy Ioane**, Sani Fuimaono, **Sean Hungerford**, Alaka'i Aglipay, **Jeffrey Pedrina**, **Kasey Romero**, **Jasmine Ioane** and **Brittany Santiago-Pacarro**.

Please send your updates and photos to punahobulletin2010@gmail.com. We hope to hear from many of you soon, and wish you all the best!

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Aloha, Class of 2011!
Happy spring! It was awesome to see everyone at Buff 'n Blue Brews + BBQ! We had a great turnout, and it was fun to hear what everyone is up to!

Congratulations to **Jessica Gronna** and Arthur Callort, who got married in November in Santa Barbara. Jessica is a tax attorney and her husband is a corporate law attorney. They are living with their daughter in San Diego.

Tae Keller married Josh Nadel in a two-part ceremony, on O'ahu and in Philadelphia. Tae recently published two young adult novels, "The Science of Breakable Things" and "When You Trap a Tiger."

Chloe Wilson welcomed her son, Noah Arthur Welborn, into the world on Sept. 17, 2019. Chloe is living in Fort Worth, Texas.

James Sanft and his wife, Tisa Te'o Sanft, welcomed their baby girl, Laken Kelli-Rose Sanft, on Jan. 24, 2020. She is named after both James' mother and mother-in-law.

We always love to hear about you! Please send updates and pictures to me, Ally or Emily at our emails in the header above.

Aloha,
Ke'ala

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In from Ashley-Anne:
Happy New Year, Class of 2010! It has been wonderful to hear from our classmates around the world.

Carissa Moore clinched her fourth surfing world title, a day after qualifying for the sport's Olympic debut at the Summer Olympics in Japan. We are so proud and excited for her! Go Riss!

Jared Toba, who has been with Alaska Airlines for more than five years, has been promoted to a new in-flight training position. He has traveled to many new places in the last few years, including New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Italy and Spain.



James Sanft '11 and his wife, Tisa Te'o Sanft, welcomed their baby girl, Laken Kelli-Rose Sanft, on Jan. 24, 2020.



A small get together of '12s in Seattle! Front row, from left: Erin Nishijima, Sarah Steele, Zack Hernandez, Angella Alania and Travis Matsuzaki. Back row: Tim Kamana and Keanan Fujitani.

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Aloha, Punahou 'ohana!

Hope everyone is off to a wonderful start this new year and new decade. Our classmates have some exciting news and others have had wonderful reunions all over the country.

Hannah Matsunaga graduated from Stanford Law School and is currently a lawyer at Sanford Heisler Sharp, a civil rights law firm that focuses on anti-discrimination law. Next year, she will clerk for the Honorable Jesus G. Bernal in the Central District of California. Congratulations, Hannah!

While on a business trip in Houston, **Joshua McDonough** met up with classmate, **Ka'imi Fairbairn**, a kicker for the Houston Texans. The Texans hosted the New England Patriots on

Dec. 1, 2019, when Ka'imi was 4-4 on extra points and helped lead his team to a 28-22 victory over the Patriots. He recently made the game-winning field goal in the Texans versus Bills playoff game at the start of 2020. The Texans had a 22-19 win. Read more about Ka'imi on KHON2 News: <https://bit.ly/31MB1WC>. We are proud of you, Ka'imi!

Back in Honolulu, Joshua, an O-Men member, hosted a meet-and-greet for the boys and girls cross country teams following the Punahou Invitational meet in October. Gina's Bar-B-Q was served up to the runners and their parents. Mahalo to NaWahine Pa'ani O Punahou for assisting in feeding the teams.

Take care, everyone! Please feel free to send updates and announcements!

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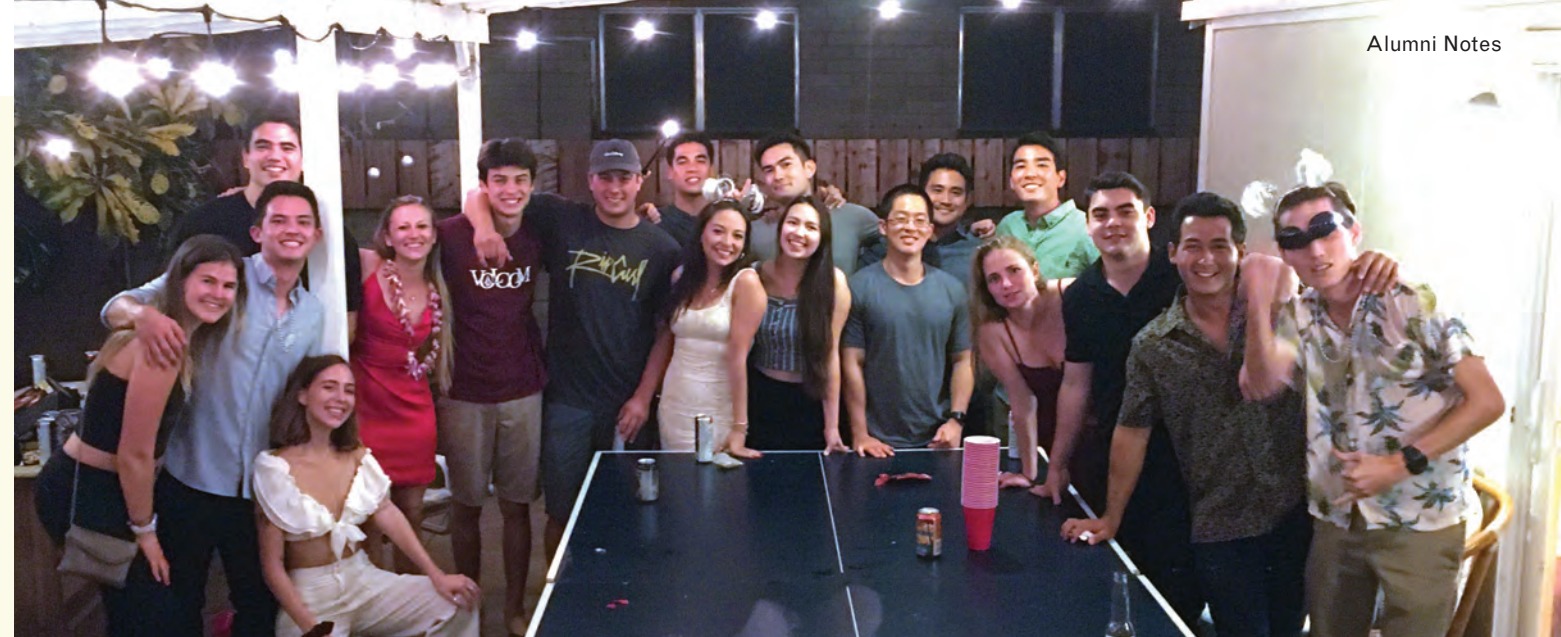
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Classmates and friends bring in the New Year, together in Honolulu. Celebrating 2020 are, from left, Suzanna Bradley '14, Davey Andrew '14, Ruairi Brady '14, La'akea Marquez '14, Maree Miller '14, Zac Parrish '20, Matt Parrish '11, Ashlee Grover '14, Pat O'Neill '11, Syd Parrish '14, Daley King '11, Jeremy Lee '11, David Tokioka '11, Alli Mullen '14, Alex Chang '11, Quinn Cassidy '14, Brandon Hull '14 and Ty Bower '14.

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Keely Hiraoka, Nicole Harrison, Alex "Buddha" Chun, Ji Hae Lee, Eileen Liu, Kalpana Balaraman and I caught up at our final Mingle and Jingle alumni event at the President's Pavilion. (Next year we get to attend Buff 'n Blue Brews + BBQ with the big kids!) We even got to meet Punahou President **Mike Latham '86**.

Wishing everyone the best in school and work. For those who are in their final terms in college, we hope the last semester of senior life is treating you well. Stay in touch!

Aloha,

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Before stepping away from being a Class correspondent, **Katja Berthold** sent in an

update. Katja, a fourth-year mechanical and aerospace engineering student, is pursuing a dual degree: bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a master's of Engineering in mechanical and aerospace engineering. She plans to graduate in spring 2021. On campus, she is running for the student government and is the co-founder and president of Intinium (*intinium.org*), a student organization that empowers students to pursue their passions while in college. Her summer plans include an internship at Lockheed Martin Corporation as a systems engineer. For fun, Katja sings for a jazz band at her sister school, VanderCook College of Music, and an a capella group, Z Minor. Keep up the good work, Katja! Mahalo for your time as a correspondent!

The Pua'a sisters, **Mahina** and **Emi '16**, share the volleyball court playing for The University of Arizona Wildcats. Mahina is a setter and Emi is a libero and defensive specialist. Both have seen a lot of court time. Off the court, Mahina is a communications major, with a minor in business and Emi, also a communications major, is looking to stay in volleyball, but as a coach or counselor.

Let us know what you are up to! We'd love to hear from you!

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Shea Suzumoto, a freshman at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, was featured in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser special sports section, which previewed 2020 Hawai'i men's volleyball. As libero in a large freshman contingent, he wears No. 22 and is ready to get in the game. Other 2019s in sport are football players, **Kaulana Makaula**, a University of Southern California safety and **Duke Clemens**, a left guard at University of California, Los Angeles. There are also volleyball players, **Teana Adams-Kaonohi**, a Kansas State setter, and **Sina Uluave** is a Wichita State outside hitter. Keep playing!

Send your news, run-ins and stories! Updates and pictures are encouraged! Email is in the header!

Editor's note: Welcome to new Class correspondent, **Sun-Hee Wong**! Send her your birthday, mini reunion, on the move, school-going, happy-goings-on news!



Joshua McDonough '12 of Punahou O-Men hosted a meet-and-greet for the boys and girls cross country teams after the Punahou Invitational meet. From left: Aaron Tipp '93, Dana Shimoda-Fraiola '90, Jeff Dinsmore, Yolanda Fan '98 Lau, Joshua McDonough '12, Kellie James '01 Schimdtke, Scott May '56, Alike Williams '93, Jared Watumull '03, Punahou President Mike Latham '86, David Kowen '01, BJ Sabate '93, Keenan Sabate (2031) and Starr Johnson '98.

Memorials

Each of the persons listed below is a member of the Punahou family, a part of the lifestream of the School. We extend sympathy and aloha to the families and friends of the deceased. Further information may sometimes be found in the Alumni Notes. We welcome such submissions.

A note to families of the deceased: Punahou attempts to maintain accurate records on alumni. Please notify us when an alumnus/a has died. If you are a family member who would like to continue to receive the Bulletin, please indicate so. If you wish to only receive the issue with the memorials listing, please tell us that. Address notices to: Office of Alumni Relations, Punahou School, 1601 Punahou Street, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Class	Deceased	Class	Deceased	Class	Deceased	In our Punahou Family
1935	George F. Schnack Honolulu, HI February 21, 2020	1952	Kathleen Cadinha Strong La Vernia, TX February 16, 2019	1971	Pamela L. Bowen Littleton, CO January 20, 2020	Carol Mary Holmes Case Honolulu, HI January 3, 2020
1940	Eleanor E. Faye New York, NY January 7, 2020	1953	Constance Warne Bowden Woodland, WA February 19, 2020	1973	Cynthia S. Hew Winnetka, IL August 25, 2019	Hazel Lee Honolulu, HI December 14, 2019
1941	Elizabeth Ruddle Spielman Kamuela, HI January 23, 2020	1953	David D. Mowat Ashland, OR April 8, 2020	1973	Richard R. Tongg Waialua, HI November 23, 2019	Carol Miyamoto Honolulu, HI January 12, 2020
1943	Patricia McGinnis Osborne Verona, PA November 20, 2019	1954	Edmund H. Rogers Australia November 26, 2019	1977	Anita Oba Kaupiko Kailua-Kona, HI February 5, 2020	Siegfried Ramler Kailua, HI January 19, 2020
1944	Norma Faaborg Cole Eugene, OR November 23, 2019	1954	Jeannette Hunt Smiddy Fort Mill, SC January 14, 2020	1978	Carolyn Bunn Stewart South Hamilton, MA January 22, 2020	Barbara Wiemer Honolulu, HI July 23, 2018
1948	Joy Valderrama Abbott Miami Beach, FL February 8, 2020	1956	Guy H. Piltz Kamuela, HI January 20, 2020	1979	Mark F. Bendix Portland, OR February 12, 2020	
1948	Venus Blaisdell Porter Honolulu, HI March 2, 2019	1957	Tanya Rockstead Bova Canoga Park, CA November 28, 2019	1980	Mark A. Anderson Gig Harbor, WA January 23, 2020	
1948	Andrew F. Young Baden, PA June 28, 2019	1957	Layton D. Carr Sequim, WA February 13, 2020	1980	Lance J. Cross Oak View, CA August 15, 2018	
1950	Kwong Hing Lum Honolulu, HI December 31, 2019	1958	Claire Olsen Johnson Honolulu, HI March 30, 2020	1987	Gentry S. Kramer Murrieta, CA March 21, 2019	
1951	Virginia Gordy Baker Green Cove Spring, FL January 5, 2020	1961	Sharon Orlin James Jackson, WY January 20, 2020	1995	Sylvia Barbut Ravaglia Kamuela, HI January 1, 2020	
1951	Donald A. Rogers Ewa Beach, HI January 14, 2020	1967	Ronald D. Gould Kailua, HI January 4, 2020	1997	Lisa Okuma Coffey Brookline, NH September 26, 2019	
1951	John Campbell Honolulu, HI March 28, 2020	1967	Al P. Miyamoto Kane'ohe, HI March 27, 2020	2004	Erin Burris Bartlett Ashland, OR January 10, 2020	
1952	Bob C. Shane Phoenix, AZ January 26, 2020	1969	Robin Lee Gyorgyfalvy Bend, OR January 14, 2020			

Joy Valderrama '48 Abbott

Joy Valderrama '48 Abbott, a consummate musical theatre insider, died on Feb. 8, 2020 in her Miami Beach, Florida, home. She was 88. True to her name, she spread the aloha spirit wherever she went. Born to Pedro and Justina de Guzman Valderrama, she was proud of her Wahiawa roots and Filipino heritage. The second of four sisters, she attributed her success in life to three gifts from her parents – an excellent education, training to develop her talents and strong lifelong values.



As a youngster, she worked hard at her dance and piano lessons, and was dubbed “the Shirley Temple of Hawai’i” at age 6. At the same time, she was an accomplished athlete in tennis, winning the Hawaiian Junior Championships at 16, and going on to play in the national championships in Philadelphia. Graduating early from Punahou, she entered Temple University, where she won the singles tennis title all four years, earning her a place in Temple’s Sports Hall of Fame. After moving to Florida, she took up golf, her husband’s favorite sport, where she also excelled.

With a master’s degree in education, she intended to teach health and physical education, but instead, she became an entertainer with the stage name, Moana, at the Hawaiian Cottage in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. She also established a successful fashion business, Moana’s in the Cherry Hill Mall, partnering with furrier and devoted lifelong friend, Jerry Mirrow. In 1983, after a 25-year courtship, she married George Abbott, the iconic Broadway and film legend. He was 96 and she was 52 when they wed, and he died in 1995 at age 107. George Abbott’s career spanned nine decades as an award-winning producer, playwright and director of some of the most beloved musicals of Broadway history. After his death, Joy Abbott dedicated herself to fostering and curating his legacy, establishing the George and Joy Abbott School of Musical Theatre at Temple University. She was a patron of the American Theater Wing and the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, who sponsor an annual Mr. Abbott Award, and was the former chairman of the Theater Hall of Fame and a founder of the Hawai’i Performing Arts Foundation. In Hawai’i, she performed and recorded with her high school friend, the legendary jazz pianist, Betty Loo '46 Taylor. Together, they won a Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award for Jazz Album of the Year in 2008.

She loved to tell stories about Mr. Abbott and Broadway behind the scenes, and enjoyed regaling students at Punahou, Temple and across the country, as well as her countless friends, with side-splitting tales of theatre life. She was devoted to her family and friends in Hawai’i, and to the Class of 1948, who turned out regularly to cheer for her performances. Punahou was fortunate to video her twice in conjunction with the Punahou Sessions series. She is survived by her sisters, Ruth Sitjar '44 and Grace Underhill of Los Angeles, and May Ann Beamer '59 of Honolulu; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and George Abbott’s three grandsons.

Carol Mary Holmes Case

Carol Mary Holmes Case passed away peacefully at home in Honolulu, Hawai’i on Jan. 3, 2020, with her children by her side.



She was born in Hilo, Hawai’i, on Aug. 26, 1931, to Everett Nathan Holmes Jr. and Berenice Castendyk Holmes. She was a true Daughter of Hawai’i, with roots that go back more than 150 years. On her mother’s side, she was a descendent of Robert Halstead, an entrepreneur who emigrated from England in 1865 to Hawai’i and owned and operated the Waialua Sugar Plantation. Her father’s family was also business-minded, and established the first department stores in Honoka’a and Hilo in the 1880s, known as the Holmes Store.

As a young girl, she attended a one-room school in Hilo, and spent holidays in the Volcano area, where her parents built a home which still stands today. Fearing war with Japan, her parents moved the family in 1941 to California. There, she attended the Anna Head School for Girls, followed by the University of California, both in Berkeley. With her teaching credential from Cal, she moved to Honolulu in 1952, and began teaching Kindergarten at Punahou.

She left Punahou to raise her four children, and then returned in the 1980s, taking over as director of career placement. Her many contacts in the business community enabled her to create professional internships for students. After leaving Punahou, she became a travel agent and traveled much of the world with her husband and their many friends.

In 1953, she met the love of her life, Daniel H. Case '42, and married him on Aug. 14, 1954. They were happily married for 61 years until Dan’s death in 2016. Together, they raised four children, and Fortune Magazine profiled her role as a mother in 1999, noting that she believes “love, availability and direction” were among the secrets of successful parenting.

She was a beloved friend to many. She was a generous member of the Honolulu community and participated in and led numerous civic groups and clubs throughout her life. In 1996, on the occasion of her 65th birthday, Dan Case wrote a five-page letter to their four children praising his wife, and saying, “Without question, marrying your Mom was the most important and successful thing I ever did.”

Carol was predeceased by her husband, Dan '42, and her eldest son, Daniel III '75. She is survived by her children, Carin '75 (Matt Shippey) of Healdsburg, California, Steve '76 (Jean) of Washington, D.C., Jeff '80 (Kimberly Stern '80) of Honolulu; her daughter-in-law Stacey, widow of Dan, of San Francisco; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her niece; nephew and many cousins.

Marie Murphy '61 Hara

Marie Murphy '61 Hara passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was 75 years old.



She grew up in Kōhala and Honolulu, attending Kūhiō Elementary, Washington Intermediate and graduating from Punahou as part of the Class of 1961. She was features editor of Ka Punahou and editor of Ka Wai Ola her senior year. As an alumna, she was an active member of her Class Reunion committees.

She went on to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she received a bachelor's and master's degree in English, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She embarked on her professional career as a teacher, working at many schools, including Highlands Intermediate, Sacred Hearts Academy, 'Iolani School, Farrington High School and Pohukaina School for developmentally challenged students. She also had a lifelong passion for writing. She worked at The Hawai'i Herald as a journalist and at the Honolulu Academy of Arts as a grants writer before returning to teaching as an assistant professor in the English department at UH from 1972, until her retirement in 2010. She taught the first university-level Asian-American literature courses in Hawai'i.

Many writers have been indebted to Hara for her leadership and inspiration in the Hawai'i literary community. She co-founded the Talk Story Conference in 1978, Hawai'i's first large ethnic literary conference, a watershed event which celebrated previously overlooked creative writing by local authors. Another project she valued was Japanese, Okinawan and Korean Picture Brides, created by Alice Chai and Barbara Kawakami, where Marie interviewed elderly plantation picture brides. In 1994, her book of short stories, "Bananaheart and Other Stories," earned her the coveted Elliot Cades Award for Literature as an emerging artist. She explored the mixed race voice from the female viewpoint as co-editor, with Nora Okja Cobb '83 Keller, of a 1999 anthology of hapa women writers, entitled "Intersecting Circles: The Voices of Hapa Women in Poetry and Prose." For decades, she was the moving force behind a monthly writers study group, and served as a mentor for Bamboo Ridge Press since its inception in 1978, a director beginning in 1999, and as president in 2006. Over the years, she hosted and performed in numerous public readings, and helped edit several books on a range of topics. She encouraged many to write their stories and shepherded them along their literary journeys.

With her husband of 51 years, John Hara '57, she lived in the same house for most of her life and raised two daughters to feel that they always had the biggest and best supporter in their corner. She will be remembered for her positive outlook and her genuine care for all who came into her life. She is survived by her husband, John; her daughters, Mayumi Hara '91 Dao (Franklin) and Kasumi Hara '95 (Evan Mau '95); and five grandchildren, Jadelyn Dao, Mari Dao, Elina Hara-Mau '29, Leonard Hara-Mau '31 and Cora Hara-Mau.

Claire Olsen '58 Johnson

Trustee Emerita Claire Olsen '58 Johnson passed surrounded by her family on March 30, 2020. She was a beloved member of the Board and a devoted supporter of Punahou. She grew up in Nu'uauu, where her father worked as a food wholesaler. Her parents recognized their eldest daughter's love of learning early on and decided to send her to Punahou, beginning in the ninth grade. As a member of the Class of 1958, she dove into school activities. She was a song leader, three-time homeroom officer, synchronized swimmer, on numerous senior committees, Queen of the Valentine Dance (with future husband, Larry, as her King) and friend to all. Following her graduation, she attended Colorado Women's College, graduating with a degree in Merchandising and Business. She married her high school sweetheart, Larry Johnson '58, and together they raised two children, Mari-Jo Johnson '81 Schull (Gunner) and Mark Johnson '84 (Stephanie). All four of her grandchildren attended Punahou. She was the perpetual room mom, and took on increasing responsibilities with the PFA, serving as grade and Junior School representative, as president from 1984 – 1985, and as Trustee representative for many years. One PAA board member remarked that she thought Claire worked at the School – she was always there.



She was appointed as a Trustee in 1974, and served on the Board for a remarkable 41 years, retiring at the end of the 2014 – 15 school year. During her tenure, she and Larry served as co-chairs of the public phase of the campaign for Case Middle School. She is also credited with launching the Parent Advancement Council, current parent volunteers who focus on increasing giving participation by inspiring parents to give to Punahou. In 2011, she became the first woman to serve as Punahou's Board Chair from 2011 – 2013. At her final Board meeting, the Punahou Academy Chorale encircled the Sullivan conference room and sang, "The Road Home" and "Hawai'i Aloha" in tribute to her. As a Trustee Emerita, she continued to offer her counsel and set an inspirational example for others, most recently as part of the Grandparents Leadership Council. She was always the first to lend her enthusiasm, expertise and energy to the School, whether on the Board, with the Class of '58, or in the bleachers, cheering on family and friends. In 2005, she received Punahou's "O" in Life Award.

Claire was also an active volunteer in the wider Honolulu community, offering her time and talent to the Honolulu Museum of Art, St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, American Heart Association, Junior League of Honolulu and The Garden Club of Hawaii.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; children, Mari-Jo and Mark; four grandchildren – Matthew '09 and Natalie '13 Schull, and Nicole '12 and Hunter '16 Johnson; mother, Mary Olsen; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Charlene Olsen '62 Eveleth and Amelia Olsen '67 Andrade.

Siegfried Ramler

On Jan. 19, 2020, Siegfried Ramler died peacefully at his home in Maunawili, at 95 years of age. He was born in Vienna, Austria, on Oct. 30, 1924.



Familiarly known as "Sig," he was a participant in and witness to world history. He escaped Nazi persecution at age 14 on the "Kindertransport." From 1945 – 1949, he worked at the Nuremberg Trials, where he was a member of the team that pioneered simultaneous translation. There, he met his first wife, Pi'ilani Ahuna, who was a court reporter from Hawai'i, and their romance brought him to the Islands. His experiences in the war and at Nuremberg left him with an enduring commitment to global cooperation.

Ramler was a fierce proponent of global education, and his mindset and values were ahead of their time. Over a remarkable four-decade career at Punahou, beginning in 1951, when he was hired at 27 to teach French, he pursued his passion for education. A gifted and beloved foreign language teacher, he served as the Punahou foreign language department head for 20 years. He expanded the language offerings, and Punahou became one of the first high schools to offer Japanese and Chinese language. In 1971, he was appointed director of curriculum and instructional services, working closely with school leadership to make immense contributions to Punahou's overall approach to teaching, learning, curriculum and faculty development. He strengthened departmental leadership, expanded AP offerings and Academy and middle-school electives, introduced instructional technology and positioned libraries as versatile classroom resources.

It was with international programs, however, that Ramler truly came into his own, founding the Pan Pacific Program and the Foundation for Study in Hawai'i and Abroad (FSHA) in 1969. His vision of international education, intercultural exchange and a commitment to inclusion and access allowed Punahou to link its excellence in teaching and learning to a wider vision of global interdependence. By 1993, the Wo International Center was completed, the embodiment of his clear and compelling early vision for global education. After retiring from Punahou, he continued as an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the University of Hawai'i East-West Center.

A consummate teacher, Ramler emphasized the value of a deeper global engagement. He modeled for his students the crucial importance of humility and understanding in encountering difference, and reminded us of the need to reflect and grow through our cultural experiences.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Kiyoko Koizumi Ramler; children, David Kawika '69, Dita '70 and Malia '79; 12 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Pi'ilani, and son Laurance '73.

Bob Shane '52

Bob Shane '52, co-founder and last surviving original member of the iconic Kingston Trio, died Jan. 26, 2020, at the age of 85. Shane was considered one of the seminal figures in acoustic music, and The Kingston Trio is credited for reviving folk music in the 1950s and moving it into the mainstream.



He was born Robert Castle Schoen on Feb. 1, 1934, in Hilo, the son of Margaret (Schaufelberger) and Arthur Castle Schoen, who was Hawaiian-German. Shane entered Punahou in kindergarten, and was influenced by studying Hawaiian culture, which complemented his interest in music and Hawaiian music, in particular. Inspired by slack key guitarist, Gabby Pahinui, he learned to play the 'ukulele, and formed a duo with Punahou classmate Dave Guard, performing at parties and in school productions. Shane called his Punahou years, "the least worrisome years of my life."

He went on to Menlo College, where he met classmate Nick Reynolds, and with Dave Guard (who was attending Stanford), they began playing in the Bay Area in the early '50s. Shane (simplifying the spelling of his name) returned home to Hawai'i after graduation to go into the family business, and he was soon playing in clubs in Waikīkī. It didn't take long before he returned to San Francisco, where he rejoined Guard and Reynolds to form the Kingston Trio in 1957. The trio produced hit after hit, with 14 albums in the Billboard Top 10, five of which made it to the top spot.

Shane served as vocalist and guitarist on their biggest hits, including, "Scotch and Soda," "M.T.A.," a rendition of the murder ballad "Tom Dooley" and the traditional song "The Wreck of the John B.," the latter of which directly inspired the Beach Boys' "Sloop John B." The trio also helped popularize Pete Seeger's, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and recorded "It Was a Very Good Year," before it became a Frank Sinatra signature. "Tom Dooley," earned a Grammy Award for best country and western performance in 1958, before the folk category was introduced, and the Trio earned the first folk music Grammy in 1959. The group never wrote its own songs, popularizing traditional folk standards with unique vocal blends anchored by Shane's memorable baritone. Guard left the group in 1961, and was replaced by John Stewart, but The Beatles burst on the scene in 1964, and the Kingston Trio disbanded in 1967. In all, Shane spent 60 years on the road. He maintained a connection to Punahou, and in 1992, at his 40th Reunion, when asked about the most memorable experiences of his life, he responded, "35 years on the road, 30 – 35 hours weeks a year, playing live to over 10,000,000 people."

He is survived by his wife, Bobbi (Childress) Shane; five children (from an earlier marriage to Louise Brandon); Jody Beale, Susan Gleeson, Inman Shane, Robin Shane and Jason Shane; eight grandchildren; brother Bud Schoen '46, and three nieces, who are Punahou alumnae.

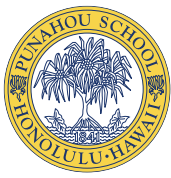
Aloha to our Punahou Family

We are closing this issue of the Bulletin with an uplifting photo of fourth graders Faith Kawamura (front) and Kate Maeda (center) strumming the 'ukulele at Punahou's Patrick H. Quilter Lab for Creative Arts at the Sidney and Minnie Kosasa Community for Grades 2–5.

Our extended family of students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, donors and other friends remains a tight-knit, resilient community, and we look forward to sharing inspiring stories about Punahou and alumni across the globe in brighter days ahead.

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“We have faced adversity in the past and emerged even stronger. Throughout Punahou’s 179-year history, we have faced other periods of upheaval, global pandemics, economic depression and two World Wars, the second of which saw the temporary closure of our campus. Throughout the years, we have shown our light with compassion, perseverance and hope. I am confident that together, at this moment in history, Punahou will do that once again.”

– PRESIDENT MIKE LATHAM '86

