Aloha, Waimea Alumni & Friends,

Congratulations to Waimea High School for the following accomplishments this year:

- **Principal Mahina Anguay** was recognized as the Outstanding Principal of the Year for 2016.
- **Waimea High School** is recognized as one of 10 schools that has shown outstanding improvement in ACT composite scores and one of 10 schools with an outstanding graduation rate. In addition it has moved in high school ranking from second from the last to #32.

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- The Foundation continues to support Waimea High School with grants. Last year the Foundation replaced a tricaster, which enabled the Media department to continue to broadcast student-produced television broadcasts to the school as well as to the community. (Check out MT3 on highschoollive.com or watch hawaiistream.com).
- As of Dec, 2015, the Foundation has returned nearly $300,000 to the school in grants, scholarships, and fundraising opportunities for school-related programs.
- The Foundation conducts a General Membership Meeting annually. The 2016 Spirit Award recipients for school and/or community service included Puamani Munden Gonzales, Nancy Fuertes Fuller, Steve “Fredgie” Shitanaka Okada, and Danny Smith (Their story is included in this issue).
- Alumni classes continue to include our Luau Awards Dinner as part of their class reunions. (Last year the Class of 1958 celebrated their collective 75th Birthday, and the Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th-Year Class Reunion with us.)
- The Second Annual Golf Tournament was a success despite having had to be re-scheduled due to weather. Thank you to Leo & Mahina Anguay for running the tournament.
- Scholarships were awarded to six outstanding seniors of the Class of 2016.
- Thanks to the Syngenta Company, the Foundation was able to conduct a fundraiser to replace this year’s WAFF carnival.
- Our roster of Lifetime Members, Annual Members and Donors continues to grow.

**MAJOR CHALLENGES:**

- The Foundation is continuing to meet the Goals and Objectives of our Strategic Plan – meet our fiscal goals, broaden our base of Board members, establish contacts with each alumni class.
- Normally, our awards dinner is held on the beautiful front lawn of the school. Last year, due to the weather, we were forced to take the dinner into the cafeteria. It turned out to be a “blessing-in-disguise” as the reunion classes enjoyed the camaraderie and nostalgia of dining in the cafeteria. The only negative was the acoustics, which made hearing the various speakers very difficult. As a result, the Foundation voted to “acousticate” the cafeteria so that school events can be held in the cafeteria, which is the most ADH-accessible location for gatherings. This will be an expensive undertaking ($30,000), but it will be in place before the next school year begins, and will be of benefit to the entire school for many, many years. If you would like to support this effort, please send a donation to Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation, PO. Box 478, Waimea, HI 96796.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. All alumni & friends are welcome to attend. In closing, Mahalo to my current hard working fellow officers and Board Members for your support over the years. And thank you to our friends and families for your unconditional and cheerful support, we really couldn’t have done it.

Aloha,
Janice F. Nitta | 2016 WAFF President
NANCY FUERTES FULLER
Class of 1958
Kauai Hospice’s longest serving volunteer of 33 years. Helps with Hospice’s annual 4th of July fundraiser and Candlelight Service. Coordinates the Kaumakani Methodist Church’s meal service program to feed the homebound and bedridden elderly. As a talented lei maker, she shares her skills with Hospice, Kauai Museum, and family and friends. As a licensed practical nurse, has worked for 20 years as an outreach worker for the elderly. Currently works as a substitute school health aide. Unconditional love, giving from the heart and compassionate care defines her life.

PUANANI MUNDON GONSALES
Kamehameha Class of 1954
Dedicated educator, taught for 25 years at Kekaha Elementary School in the 4th grade. Served as the grievance rep at Kekaha for 25 years. Initiated a music program for Kekaha School’s gifted and talented 4-6 graders, Na Kalai O Kekaha, and continued it for 13 years with trips off island and numerous performances for the Board of Education on Kauai. Served as Waimea’s Sacred Hearts Catholic Church organist and choir director for 40 years. Helped with the WHS graduation song practice for 6 years. Chaired a project for the Neighborhood Watch Group to install speed bumps on Muleke Road to encourage safe driving. Organizes retired teachers to help with the parent sign in table at the WHS Open House. Love of music, teaching and service to others has defined her life.

DANNY SMITH
Class of 1961

ITSUE ‘FRECKIE’ OKADA
Class of 1945
Armed with a degree in Education and 5th year Teaching certificate. She educated hundreds of students at Waihae, Ewa, Eleolo, and Kekaha Elementary School for 35 years. Dedicated Bon Dance Matsuri Taiko drummer, instructs, manages and organizes the group for the Bon Dance Season annually. Participates with the Kauai Shibuio Kai dance group. Multitalented, performed with Charlie’s (Kane-yama) Combo, for 15 years, dancing, singing and playing musical instruments. Continues to be active at the Libue Senior Center as a leader, instructor and volunteer. Attended the 1989 Smithsonian Folklife Festival representing Hawaii with Japanese folk dancing, singing and taiko. Nominated in 2013 as an Outstanding Older American. Love of teaching, sharing song and dance, taiko, and an unselfish zest for life everyday has defined her.

WAFF Treasurer’s Report
MAY 31, 2016

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Treasurer

WAFF UPCOMING EVENTS
The Board meets on the second Tuesdays of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. All alumni & friends are welcome to attend.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & AWARDS LUAU
Saturday | October 22, 2016 | WHS Cafeteria, 5:30 pm

WAFF GOLF TOURNAMENT
October 15, 2016 | Course to be announced later.

WAFF CARNIVAL
February | 10-11, 2017 | WHS Front Lawn
Six outstanding members of the Waimea High School Class of 2016 received $1000 scholarships from the Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation at the annual Scholarship Dinner on May 1, 2016 at the Waimea Neighborhood Center.

A hard worker with a “never-give-up” attitude, Hope Coyaso will be attending Hawaii Pacific University with the goal of becoming a social worker. “I would like to be a social worker, with a concentration in domestic issues to give back to Hawaii for all that it has allowed me to become by helping end bad cycles and instead to continue on as well as create good ones that enable our state to be the best it can be.” Academically, Hope has been on the Honor Roll or Principal’s List every year and earned awards in the Student Television Network “Sixty Second Silent Film” (1st Place) and the Health Occupations Students of America State Conference Biomedical Debate (1st Place). Hope is a three-sport athlete (soccer, archery, tennis) as well as a student-leader (class vice president, student body secretary). “One of my favorite foods ever is poke, and it’s what I would be if I was a local ethnic food despite that I went the majority of my life refusing to try it. Previously, I was afraid of practically everything and those fears dictated my life, preventing me from trying a lot of new things; including poke. Everyone I knew loved it but it seemed questionable to me. In the past couple of years though, I began working on conquering fears and not letting them disable me from truly living life, opening myself up to new and exciting things. Playing sports for the first time, joining clubs, meeting new people competing, and yes, trying new foods. So I would be poke because to me it represents taking chances and the good things that result.”

Recipient of numerous awards ranging from school to regional to national and even international, Julia Hirano has excelled in all areas. Even her travels have been to engage in educational experiences. She has an outstanding academic record, has been involved in club, class and student government leadership positions, and has been a four-sport athlete. Among these activities are four-year participation in Student Government, JROTC, Lea Club, KIF soccer, and participation on academic teams, generally in leadership positions. Julia will be attending Creighton University with a goal to become a pediatric dentist, hopefully on the west side of Kauai. “I would work toward bettering the health of children in my home town and help the community that made me who I am today.”

“If I could be any local ethnic food dish, I would be rice. Plain rice. Although this is considered to be a side dish and a supplement to most meals, it is a staple food that we all know and love. Rice can be used in many forms, whether it is in a musubi, with a bent, under a loco moco, or fried in a pan, this side goes with anything. Similar to the way rice goes with different meals, I love working with different types of people, I’m flexible and will adapt to any problem or situations that come my way. I can change and adapt to different situations to help get a job done and complete any dish. Also, similar to the way rice completes a spam musubi, I am always willing to help people become the best that they can be. Just like how rice brings out other flavors, I raise people when they fall, and help them whenever they need a hand. What I love about rice, is the fact that alone it may be plain, but with others it becomes delicious. You may not notice when its there, but you definitely notice when its gone.”

Inspiried by watching a family member through illness, Genessa Jardin will be attending Pacific University in Oregon with hopes of becoming a pharmacist. “I want to be able to help people, and get them the medication they need to live a long, happy life.” Genessa has been a Varsity Cheerleader since her freshman year and was a member of the HHSAA Medium Division State Championship team. Genessa has found great joy working with the youth of Hawaii and has been a mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Hawaii and has also been a student-leader and has participated in numerous school and community projects – Bettering Relations Among our Teens, care home visits, Interact and Leo Club activities. She has also received numerous academic awards.

“If I had to be any local dish, I would probably be a Hawaiian Bento. Although I am not of Hawaiian background, I think that a bent would best represent me. It is both simple and complex, as am I. Just as a bento contains many different components, I am many different things and have many different personalities, yet in an oversees, a bento is a bento, and I am who I am; one thing, one person. For example, just as a bento can be composed of rice, chicken, beef, salad, and kimchee, I am an athlete and a student, and I am bubbly and stern.”

2015 WAFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Julia Hirano, Hope Coyaso, Melia Okura

Brandon Ijima, Genessa Jardin, Riley Saiiki

A young man with “leadership skills and a commitment to excellence, "Riley Saiiki will be attending the University of Portland in Oregon and plans to study Engineering. He says,” After earning my degree in Engineering, I plan to find a job and find a place to live in Hawaii.” One of Riley’s coaches describes him as a team player with a passion for his sport, who led his varsity soccer team to its first KIF championship in ten years. He was selected a KIF All Star for Soccer and has participated in academic competitions at the State level - Science Olympiad, JROTC Leadership Academic Bowl. He has consistently been on the Principal’s List since his freshman year. Riley is also committed to providing service to both his school and community and has participated in numerous projects with the school’s service organizations – the Leo Club, the Interact Club, the JROTC program, and the JROTC Drill Team. “If I could be any ethnic dish, I would be an Ahu Poke Bowl. A local Hawaiian dish, it represents what I am about. A dish that can be attained nationwide, Hawaii has taken it and made it their own. It is prepared in a special way, making it unique to Hawaii. I was originally born in Oregon but moved to Hawaii in the third grade. I have since learned the Hawaiian culture and am different today than I was when I lived in Oregon. Me and an Ahu Poke bowl both have been changed in Hawaii.”

Melia Okura is the recipient of the 2016 Daniel Suga Memorial Scholarship. A well rounded student who has participated in sports, student activities, JROTC events and band functions, Melia is a natural leader who knows when it is appropriate to follow but is also comfortable with taking the lead. Her advisors describe her as disciplined, dependable and goal-oriented. She has demonstrated strong leadership and time management skills. Melia is the recipient of numerous JROTC awards for leadership and character. She has also been an invaluable member of the Tsunami Tanka, skilled in technique and the ability to organize and teach others and is an informative and entertaining encore for the group. “I moved to the island of Kauai when I was in the 3rd grade, and every day I am thankful for the opportunity to grow up in such a beautiful place. Through the many organizations that I am a member of I have the honor to participate in numerous community service events.” In the fall, Melia will be attending Brown University to study Computer Science. She plans a career in Cyber Security. “If I were an island food I would be the musubi. The musubi is the food of adventure and potential. It is simple food, rice with spam wrapped in nori, but is so much more than that. It can be customized to appeal to many different tastes. You can add a色调 instead of spam, and there you have a snack that holds the same elements of a musubi, but with a different flavor. This represents my own ability to adapt to different situations. I am a well rounded student who has participated in sports, student activities, JROTC events and band functions. In a team I know when it is appropriate to follow but I am also comfortable with taking the lead. Whether you are going fishing, surfing or just cruising around the neighborhood the musubi is a popular food to bring with you wherever you go. I am also a person who enjoys to go out and try new things. Take me with you and we can go on an adventure of self discovery together.”

Recipient of the first Kyoto Fujita Merit Scholarship is Brandon Ijima, who will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno and majoring in Engineering. With this degree in hand, he hopes to “work for a few years in a big company like Google, but then return to Kauai and find a job locally so I can give back to the community that has supported me all my life.” A young man with an inquisitive mind and a knack for problem solving, Brandon has participated in science-related activities. He has received awards in the Science Fair and the Science Olympiad, as well as Excellent and Outstanding Achievement Awards. During his tenure at Waimea High School, Brandon has been a member of the varsity cross country team and has also been active with various school service clubs. “If I were an ethnic, local food, I think I would be Saimin. Growing up on Kauai has exposed me to many different types of people and cultures. Saimin shares the same experience since it was inspired by Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Vietnamese noodle dishes. Saimin is enjoyed by everyone here in the islands. I have friends from many different backgrounds and have been exposed to many different customs. My grandparents and parents use Hawaiian Filipino, Japanese and Spanish terms in our conversations. They serve Chinese, Hawaiian, Japanese, Filipino and Spanish foods that I have learned to enjoy. Many different cultures have made me who I am. I just love how many different groups of people helped develop Saimin back in the sugar plantation days.” Since 2003, the Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation has awarded more than $65,000 in scholarships and awards to outstanding seniors. The money has been raised through fundraisers and the generous donations of our Business Partners and our alumni and friends.
On behalf of the WAFF committee, Principal Mahina Anguay, and the students of Waimea High School, I want to thank the Kauai business community and our golfers for their generous support of the Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation Golf Tournament, which was held at Kauai Lagoons Golf Club on October 10. It is a great pleasure to live and work in such a caring and generous community. Our tournament is one of the annual fundraisers held to raise scholarship funds for deserving seniors at Waimea High School and assist them in continuing their education. Most especially, a big mahalo to Dee Morikawa (State House Dist. 16) Ron Kouchi (State Senate), Arryl Kaneshiro (County Council), Jimmy Kawahalau (808 Support Services), Al Leong (Ka‘iwa Construction), and Rich Waalani (Wa‘alani Enterprise) for stepping up as our tournament Silver sponsors.

Our BRONZE SPONSORS this year were Ishihara Market, Cushnie Construction, Salt Pond Store, Earthworks Pacific Inc., Kukui‘ula Development, King Auto Center, and Unko’s Kitchen.

Our HOLES SPONSORS this year were Jojo’s Anuenue Shave Ice, KIUC, Wilson Driving School, PS&D, Garden Isle Federal Credit Union, Glenn Kagawa (WHS Class of 71), Gerald Ako (HGEA), Goodfellow Brothers Inc., Garden Island Disposal, Derek Kawakami (State House 14), Roy Yokotake--WHS Class of 1979, Shioi Construction, Scott Kouchi (WHS Class of 1980), The Kanna Family, The Chun Family, WCIT Architecture, Pau Hana T’s, Island Image, Dow Agro Sciences and Dupont Pioneer.

Our MERCHANDISE SPONSORS include: Aqua-Kauai Beach Resort (1 night stay), Big Save Waimea (gift cards), Grand Hyatt Resort Kauai (2 nights stay, $150 credit at Tide), Puakea Golf Course (2 rounds of golf), Aunty Lilikoi (merchandise gift), Kukui‘olono Golf Course (4 rounds of golf), Millani Golf Club (4 rounds of golf), Poipu Bay Golf Club (2 rounds of golf), Kauai Kookies (gift package), and Kauai Lagoons Golf Club (2 rounds of golf). Golf bags and all other prizes were donated by WAFF and Mr. and Mrs. Anguay.

It was a wonderful day of golf with lots of fun and laughs at the awards luncheon; in fact, every golfer who participated was a winner! But only three teams could take home the Moʻalii! First place went to the team of Rich Waalani and D. Travaso with a net score of 60! (Richie said he’ll teach anyone who needs golf lessons) Second place went to Danny Kanekuni & Roy Yokotake with a net score of 61. (They said with 8 more handicap, their score would be their age!) And third place went to Larry Jr. & Paul Ragasa with a net score of 62.6 (Larry said he’ll take up Richie’s offer) And congratulations to all the special holes and special scores winners!

We appreciate your continued support of WAFF and Waimea High School’s seniors as they continue their journey onto higher education. We hope to see all of you again at our next golf tournament which will be held on October 15, 2016. (Golf course to be named later) Mahalo and have a great Summer.

Leo Anguay - WAFF Golf Chairperson

The Annual WAFF Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner

The Annual WAFF Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner was opened with the WHS ROTC Color Guard and welcomed by our emcee Jason Fujinaka. The dinner was moved to the school cafeteria due to stormy weather.

The Alumni Chefs and WAFF members prepared a delicious prime rib and shrimp dinner with all the fixings. The Class of 1958 were in attendance celebrating their 75th birthdays and the Class of 1965 were there celebrating their 50th Reunion. Friends and family of our Spirit Awardees also enjoyed the ono food and evening. Everyone enjoyed the nostalgic music by Taste of Harmony.
MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: ________________________________  ________________________________  ________________________________
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CLASS OF ____________________________________________________________
If you are not alumni but would like to join the Foundation, please indicate your affiliation:
(e.g. WHS faculty or staff, parent of alumnus, friends of WHS etc.)

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Please accept my contribution(s) for:
$_____ WAFF Membership {$10/year}
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  {includes scholarships, school grants}
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Check any of the following as appropriate:
☐ Purchase tickets for WAFF Awards Dinner & Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2016 @ $20 each • Pick up at ticket table.
☐ I would like to participate in the WAFF Golf Tournament Saturday, October 15, 2016, course to be announced
  Contact: le01hi@yahoo.com / 639-2039 / waffkauai.org
☐ I would like to make a nomination for 2017 WAFF Spirit Award. My nomination letter is included.
☐ I would like to be a part of the (Membership, Finance, Volunteer, Communication) Committee.
☐ Please email my newsletter instead of mailing a hard copy.

Please make check/money order payable to WAFF.
Mail filled out form with check/money order to:
Waikea Alumni & Friends Foundation
P.O. Box 478 • Waikea, HI 96796-0478 • web: waffkauai.org

waimea.alumni.friends@groups.facebook.com

COOKBOOK & T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

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shipping – flat rate priority mail (1-2 shirts) $7.00
(neighbor islands & conus)

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Before the morning sun rose upon the Kealakekua Fields, volunteers eager and ready with energy reported to the Syngenta Field Office for safety instruction & how to properly pick the proper size corn. Both mornings on January 31st and February 13th were slightly breezy, making the work comfortable. We wrapped up the harvest with a light lunch, snacks and lots of water to stay hydrated.

Besides the WAFF BOD, pickers included the WHS Baseball Boys and Holy Cross Troop 334 Boy Scouts & Leaders, WHS students and various WHS alumni, a total of about 50+ volunteers were busy harvesting, cleaning and bagging corn to sell. The race was on to be done with the field and onto Hoffard Park at the center of Waimea Town to start selling corn before Noon. Sacks that could not be bagged for sale were stored at the chiller at Waimea High School. Some of the WAFF BOD took presale orders, which also helped in expediting sales. It was suggested for future sweet corn sales, to contact government agencies for pre-orders.

Sale proceeds helped to build up the WAFF general funds account for supporting future approved grant funding requests.

A big Mahalo to Syngenta for donating the two (2) fields of sweet corn, and for all their hard work with prepping, organizing and helping with the CORN HARVESTS.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WAFF Board Members

L-R Sitting: Basilio Fuertes, Naoko Ho, Alvin Kyono, Katie Hardwick, Puanani Gonsalves
Standing Row 2: Roy Miyashiro, Lisa Hiraoka, Janice Nitta, Adela Ochinang, Joni Hamada-Patricio, Alice Brown, Blanche Suga, Irene Muraoka, Placido Valenciano, Leo Anguay, Mahina Anguay