Aloha WHS Alumni and Friends,

One of my favorite quotes is from Charles Swindoll who says, ”Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it”. As I reflect on the past year, the word RESILIENCE resonates with me. Though we are somewhat emerging from the pandemic crisis, it warms my heart to know how we have rallied and persevered on Kaua‘i; moreover, how we continue to experience the outpouring of aloha and support.

The Board of Directors and I would like to again express our appreciation and gratitude for your steadfast support. Although we were unable to hold any WAFF events including fundraisers, generous monetary donations from all of you helped to purchase an Elkay vandal proof water bottle filler station and 100 Chromebook covers for WHS in addition to the 2021 scholarship opportunities for WHS seniors.

Our Scholarship Committee is led by Lynne Tamashiro, bolstered by Janice Nitta, Brenda Denny, Jerry Nishihira, Esther Estes, Roy Miyashiro, Blanche Suga, and me. Thank you to our committee members, Treasurer Alvin Kyono, and Secretary Katie Hardwick for their yearlong commitment.


The 2021 Summer Newsletter is shorter due to the cancellation of our WAFF activities, fundraisers, and class reunions. We will be posting our recent newsletters on the WAFF website in addition to the mailed copies. In the coming years, please send us your class reunion pictures and we will try to include it in our newsletters. Thank you Blanche Suga and photographer Roy Miyashiro for your contributions on our WAFF newsletters.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to join our WAFF ‘ohana in our efforts to support WHS and the students. Please consider completing and submitting the enclosed WAFF Membership Form. We will keep you posted regarding future activities/events on our website: waffkauai.org. WAFF meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Waimea Neighborhood Center starting at 6:30 pm.

A ‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia
(No task is too big when done together by all)
Congratulations to our 2021 WAFF Scholarship Recipients

THIS YEAR WE WERE PLEASED TO AWARD $25,000.00 TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Ashlyn Agera, daughter of Blaine and Ginny Terawaga Agera (’90) of Hanapepe, received the Jerry Nishihira Scholarship for $1,000. She plans to attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado to major in Kinesiology, pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy. Ashlyn believes, “with the support of family, friends and the community we are able to strive for the impossible and succeed.”

Vittorio Attomare, son of John (’91) and Narlyn Attomare of Hanapepe, received the KP Scholarship for $1,000. He plans to attend Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, to major in Construction Management, pursuing a career with a construction company or architectural firm. “The best feeling is helping those in need, and I enjoy giving back to the community.”

Mason Broyles, son of Curtis (’80) and Jocelyn Broyles, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. He plans to attend Southwestern Community College in Los Angeles, California, pursuing a career in Business. Mason believes, “Having faith in the Lord and constantly putting in the work, can take you wherever you want to go.”

Braelyn Cayaban, daughter of Fred (’84) and Georgette Galicia- Cayaban (’86), received the Yuso & Lillian Ishida Health Professions Scholarship for $1,000. She plans to attend medical college in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to major in Molecular Biology/Pre-Med, play basketball and pursuing a career as a Pediatrition. “I would like to serve the people of Hawaii as a community health leader with promise, leadership and unity.”

Kaano Dotario, son of Stanley (’94) and Lynda Omemas of Kalaheo, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Keanu plans to attend Kauai Community College to major in Carpenter or Maintenance, Electrical/Plumbing, pursuing a career in Construction or Maintenance, “I enjoy working on cars and building things with wood and other materials.”

Zsa Zsa DuBoise, daughter of Tracy and Lisa DuBose of Kekaha, received the George & Doris Crowell Memorial Scholarship for $5,000. She plans to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, majoring in Economics to become a Certified Business Economist. “I am inspired by economics because it is a broad subject that utilizes deducing reason and data analysis to explain society’s actions.”

Kieren Henderson, daughter of Wesley and Cherriese Henderson, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. She plans to attend Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona, majoring in Business Office Professional to become a Real Estate Agent. “I have learned, we should never take life for granted, even the little things in life means so much.”

Kailinunu Kaawa, son of Francis and Raneele (’96) Kaawa of Lawai, received the Takehira/Fujioka Society Elementary Education Scholarship for $1,000. Morgan plans to attend George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, majoring in Kinesiology to become a Physical Therapist. Morgan’s mantra is: “Always strive for the best and never settle for less.”

Kealiimu Kaawa, son of Francis and Raneele (’96) Kaawa of Lawai, received the Guillermo & Ignacia Estudillo Scholarship for $1,000. Malu plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Natural Resource Management, seeking a career in Forestry Management. “Natural Resource Management is my passion, so I feel I choose this career path, won’t ever feel like work. It is my way of life!”

Leland Kaeheluili, son of Winna (’95) and Carlle (’97) Kaeheluili of Hanapepe, received the $500 Scholarship from the Class of 1958 and 500 from two anonymous donors for Technical or Vocational Training. “Playing football taught me how to be a better man in life and how to work with a team. Always chase your dreams and never give up on anything!”

Geon Kittredge, son of Daniel and Darlene (’81) Kittredge of Waimea, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Geon plans to attend Kauai Community College, majoring in Electric Technology/Computer Science. Committing his life to Christianity, “this baptism is what made me the person I am today, a person who will try his best to complete whatever task he needs to do.”

Larissa Kobayashi, daughter of Jon (’86) and Leila Maeda-Kobayashi of Kalaheo, received the Jerry Nishihira Scholarship for $1,000. Larissa plans to attend Pacific University at Forest Grove Oregon, majoring in Biology/Pre-dental, aspiring to become a Dentist. “My dream is to one day open up my own dental practice on the Westside of Kauai.”

Tall Moe, brother of Faithia Moe III (’05) and Flana Moe (’04) of Kalaheo, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa and major in Natural Resource Management, aspiring to play pro-football. Knowing academically where I was in the past is always a reminder for me to work harder in the classroom. “I am not just a good football player, I am also an academic student athlete.”

Kopper Niccoore, daughter of Ward and Jennifer Niccoore of Kalaheo, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Kopper plans to attend Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, majoring in Clinical Psychology or Applied Math, pursuing a career as a Family and Child Therapist or a High School Math teacher. A key aspect of my life is community, “I drive to bring intentionality into my relationships.”

Callin Pasion, daughter of Brandon (’97) and Felilani-Aanni Pasion of Kekaha, received the Daniel Suga Memorial Scholarship for $1,000. Callin plans to attend Creighton University in Nebraska, majoring in Biology/Pre-Pharmacy, aspiring to become a Pharmacist. “I realize the choices I make become a crucial part of where I end up in the future.”

Julie Jane Remiglio, daughter of Silverio and Avelina Remiglio of Lawai, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Julie plans to attend San Jose State University in California, majoring in Animation, and aspires to become an Animator of Storyboard Artist. “I realized that going after my passion is more important than hiding behind fear.”

David Rickards, son of Lindsey and Jill Rickards of Kekaha, received the Kaoru & Kikumi (Nakaue) Fujita Scholarship for $1,000. David plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Computer Science, aspiring to become a Computer Programmer or Engineer. “I am ready to take on any challenges I face and stick to it until finished.”

Raelee Samio, daughter of Shawn Hoekan (’91) and Roslyn Samio (’96), received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Raelee plans to attend Casper College in Wyoming, play volleyball and majoring in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine, aspiring to become an Athletic Trainer. “I learned to have faith and always walk into situations with my head held high and an open mind.”

Talía Inigo Anuhea Schmidt, daughter of Jason and Michele Schmidt, received the $1,000 WAFF Scholarship. Talía plans to study Botany and Plant Medicine, aspiring to become an Acupuncturist. “I realized that going after my passion is more important than hiding behind fear.”

Kylan Constantino, son of Fernando (’84) and Frances (’85) Constantino, received the Misae Takushiye Takashii Memorial Scholarship of $5,000. He plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo, majoring in Japanese Studies & Computer Science, pursuing a career as a Japanese language teacher. “The idea that I never should improve is my main motivation.”