Aloha WHS Alumni and Friends,

It has been another challenging year for all of us; however, we temper our outlook and attitudes with aloha and family simply because that is who we are. We are constantly reminded that we still need to be vigilant and take nothing for granted. Please continue to be mindful and take good care of yourself and each other. Let us remain positive and hopeful that things will get better.

Again, the Board of Directors and I would like to say, “thank you” and express our appreciation and gratitude for your unwavering support. The generous monetary donations along with our WAFF corn sale provided scholarships for 35 WHS seniors in the amount of $47,500. Moving forward, we are also looking at purchasing a scoreboard for the Clem Gomes gym this coming school year.

All things considered, we’re fortunate because we have a great Board. They work hard and most essential, we work together! Our Scholarship Committee, led by Lynne Tamashiro and members Brenda Denny, Esther Estes, Jerry Nishihira, Janice Nitta, and Blanche Suga, processed all the applications over a three-week period. We planned and held a “Drive Thru” activity for the recipients and their parents on May 3rd at Waimea HS. Thank you to our committee members, Treasurer Alvin Kyono, and Secretary Katie Hardwick for their yearlong support with this process.


Our newsletters are posted on the waffkauai.org website for your reference in addition to the mailed copies. Blanche has also been emailing newsletters to our alumni. If you know of any alumnus who want emailed copies, please let them know to inform Blanche Suga with their email address. Also, please send us your class reunion photos and we will make it a point to include them in next year’s newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to join our WAFF ‘ohana in our efforts to support WHS and the students. We welcomed 40 new WAFF memberships spanning June 2021 to May 2022. 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)
Mary Kawena Pukui

E Malama Pono
Russ Hasegawa, President

WAFF TREASURER’S REPORT

April 30, 2022
Checking Acct Book Balance..........................$58,967.33
April 30, 2022
GWN Securities Inc........................................$393,701.48
Total Assets.....................................................$452,668.81

Alvin Kyono
Treasurer
2022 WAFF CORN FUNDRAISER
The corn fundraiser was held from February 10-12 at two locations, at Hofgaard Park and the Salt Pond Country Store parking lot. Over the three days, we sold over 25,000 ears of corn that were donated to WAFF from Hartung Brothers Inc.

BIG MAHALOS to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

2022 WAFF DONATIONS

**Platinum Partner ($1,000)**
- Thomas Batis (69)
  - In Behalf of Class of 1969
- Eric Kamibayashi (FR)
  - In Honor of Yuriko Kondo Kamibayashi (50)

**Blue Partner ($500)**
- Lynne Ouchi Hiratsuka (65)
  - In Behalf of Class of 1965

**White Partner ($200)**
- Daniel Izuka (66)
  - In Memory of Brenda Muraoka Honda (64)
- Lyanne Fial
  - In Memory of Yuriko Kondo Kamibayashi (50)
- Howard Matsuda (56)
  - Joyce Akagi Nagata (63)
- Jan Okinishi (78)
- Norman M. Yoshimoto (55)
  - Cynthia Tomomitsu Lee (65)
  - In Memory of Diane Ragragola Keller (65)

**Partner (Any Donation)**
- Sofronio Sepe Carcueva (50)
  - In Honor of Raymond Esona (51)
- Jose Costales Jr. (63)
  - In Memory of Barbara Costales (60)
  - “Class President”
- Thomas K. Hayselden (59)
  - In Memory of Iola Healani Hayselden Furumoto
  - Ululani Miriam Hayselden Woerman
  - Shawn Hosaka (79)
  - In Memory of Barbara Hosaka
- Alice Kawakami (FR)
  - Friend of Class of 1967
- JoAnn Kurata Robinson (65)
  - In Memory of Gilbert Kurata (61)
  - Donald Quon (59)
  - Alvin Seto (65)
  - In Memory of Walter Souza (64)
  - Leder Souza (66)
- Norma Villaflor McDonald (60)
  - In Memory of Alberto Batis (56)
  - Richard Watase (52)
  - Saburo Yoshioka (52)

Mahalo for your generous support!

2022 WAFF Donations

50 Sofronio Sepe Carcueva
69 Romy Castillo
89 Mel Dela Cruz-Muratate
86 Rosalind Gailnato
79 Shawn Hosaka
68 Elizabeth Kimoto Iida
In Memory of Mary Takata Robinson (68)
63 Rachel Sakoda Kishida
60 Barbara Nishihara Kutis
64 Vivian Iwamoto Lee
60 Norma Villaflor McDonald
70 Ray Nakagawara
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58 Allen Miyakado
78 Jan Okinishi
59 Donald Quon
65 Loretta Perreira Ritte
72 Sherman Shiraiishi
 Kapaa High School Foundation
56 Rosario Estacio Stewart
93 Melody Miyamoto Walters
57/59 Robert & Ellen Yokoyama Yamada
47 Shirley Iibuara Yamada

2022 WAFF Donations

CLASS OF ‘56

CLASS OF ‘64

CLASS OF ‘64 - Oahu

+25,000 ears of corn delivered from Hartung at the Waimea Neighborhood Center parking lot.

The Waimea HS Varsity Girls Soccer team helped us with cleaning and bagging the corn on Saturday, February 10th.
Kainoa Kimata-Lopez, the son of Timothy Lopez (90) and Janis Kimata (88) of Hanapepe, received the $1,000 Waff Scholarship. Kainoa plans to attend University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. "I am particularly fascinated by the intersection between the STEM fields and art. I feel drawn to the idea that there needs to be a balance for a design to be successful.

Brooke Pope, daughter of Kimbola and Antonia Pope of Kahului, received the $1,000 Scholarship. After serving a year abroad with Youth for Christ Brock plans to attend Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, majored in International Relations/Pre-Law. "Kimbola has taught me that being a good person is the most important thing is to do. Now, I continue to pray that I have the $2,000 given to me by my father.

Kevin Valmoja, daughter of Janelle and Thaddeus Valmoja of Kaunakakai, received the $1,000 scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Kevin plans to attend West Virginia University, majoring in Business Administration. "After college, I want to become an entrepreneur and chief executive officer and help keep the rodeo spirit alive and well known.

Hazel Serapio, daughter of Manny (94) and Cristina Jamorabon (91) of Hanapepe, received the $1,000 scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Hazel plans to attend University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in English and American Literature. "I hope to be a certified dietician so I can help others make wiser choices about their overall health. With a brother who has severe allergies and a father with diabetes, I have learned that there is no one best diet for everyone.

Simpliciano of Hanapepe, received the $1,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Kevin will attend the University of Arizona, in Tucson, Arizona, majoring in Technology, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, majoring in Software Engineering. "It is how bad you want it and being persistent and working hard enough and putting your mind to it.

Kai von Kauai Community College, seeking a Liberal Arts degree, focusing on Natural Resources. "My goals and aspirations for my future is to complete my 2-year degree and enter into a career that best fits my goals for working in agriculture and help keep the rodeo spirit alive and well known.

Cayden Atha, son of Ralph and Sandi Albccaro Atha (88) of Makawao, received the $1,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Cayden plans to attend the University of Hawaii in Hilo, majoring in Computer Science seeking a career in the technology field. "My goal for the future is to be the first one in my family to graduate from college. I want to prove that I strive hard enough and put your mind to it.

Kieran Canavan, daughter of Andrew and Kristie Nitta Canavan (89) of Kaila, received the $2,000 scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Kieran plans to attend the University of California in Irvine, majoring in Bioengineering, pursuing a career in Biomedical Engineering. "With a brother in college, I can innovate in the field of medical science and help as many people as I can.

Dawn Chandler, daughter of Justin Chandler and Leila Fu (93) of Kaila, received the $2,000 scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Dawn plans to attend Pepperdine University, in Malibu, California, majoring in Business Administration. "My goal for the future is to become a Firefighter. "Growing up my parents raised me to show my respect, work hard, be kind to others, have a good attitude, and the dedicated teachings of my instructors.

Hale Halfras, daughter of the late Howard (88) and Kimberly Audry Frasco (92) of Eleele, received the $1,000 Waff Scholarship. Hale will attend Kauai Community College, seeking a Business Administration Degree pursuing a career in Business Office Management. "I learned to be open to the changes in my life that are happening right now, the biggest being that my father has passed away, but I feel physically there and then pursuing college, an expectation of my parents.

Shaynn Freitas, daughter of Byron (94) and Melissa (97) Freitas of Lawai, received the $1,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Shaynn plans to attend Kauai Community College, majoring in Agriculture: Animal Health Management and Specialization, pursuing a career as a Large Animal Veterinarian. "I hope to be able to learn more about myself and gain real life experiences to bring back to my community.

Jazmin Leal, daughter of Daniel and Aimee Leal of Lawai, received the $1,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Jazmin plans to attend University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Psychology, pursuing a career as a Criminal Justice Lawyer. "By becoming a Criminal Justice Lawyer, I want to represent under represented communities. I want to be a voice for the underrepresented citizens of Kauai from criminals who would inflict physical harm on others."

Chet Pimsaugan, son of Buren and Jennifer Pimsaugan of Kekaha, received the $1,000 Waff Scholarship. Chet plans to attend Clark College in Vancouver, Washington, majoring in Business Administration. "As a Business Owner of an Athletic Facility, "My mother has always told me grades, grades, grades. I always listened to her but I did manage my business." It has helped me improve as a person who struggled with learning, especially at this period when I had to put my mind to it.

Ty Tsukayama, son of Blye and Mai Teri Tsukayama (90) of Hanapepe, received the $1,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Ty plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Nutrition and Fitness, pursuing a career as a Dietitian or Sports Nutritionist. "I hope to be a certified dietician so I can help others make wiser choices about their overall health. With a brother who has severe allergies and a father with diabetes, I have learned that there is no one best diet for everyone.

Isley Ulanday, daughter of Isaiah (90) and Ashley Pimental (2000) of Kauai, received the $1,000 Waff Scholarship. Isley plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo, majoring in Business Administration, pursuing a career as a Cosmetologist. "Throughout my whole experience with my knee injury and my career, I came to realize that it is how bad you want it and being persistent and working hard enough and putting your mind to it.

Kevin Valmoja, son of Kevin (96) and May (96) Valmoja of Hanapepe, received the $1,000 scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Kevin plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Computer Science, pursuing a career in software engineering. "Covid has taken so much away from us and I hope that Kauai Community College and the rodeo spirit can help bring it back to us. Having endures a pandemic through which we had no choice but to stay at home and learn to grow and excel in such unforeseen circumstances.

Gydelle Valmoja, daughter of Elpido and Elvira Valmoja of Kaumakani, received the $2,000 Scholarship from Pauline and Nicholas E Z Charitable Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Gydelle will attend the University of Nevada Las Vegas, majoring in Nursing, pursuing a career as a Nurse Practitioner. At the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl National Competition in Washington DC, Gydelle gained his first伤心的 "The only thing between you and what you want is air and breath."
Thank you to WAFF for always supporting our students and school. The number of scholarships for this year’s graduating class is simply amazing and will greatly help them get off to a good start in the fall. I am beyond grateful to have such a strong supporter of our school and staff.

Understandably, this year we’ve run into concerns with the number of student failures, poor attendance, and mental health issues that have been amplified by COVID; this is our main focus going forward. School has definitely been challenging over the last two years. During that first year of full distance learning we were in reactionary mode and had to make decisions and adjustments the best we could to redefine instruction and what school looked like. This year we were excited yet anxious to return to face to face instruction.

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Through it all, our teachers and staff have been phenomenal. They’ve been asked to complete not only what went out in the classroom but across campus. Teachers have had to engage and assess students virtually. Our cafeteria staff served meals to not only our students but to anyone under the age of 18 for almost two years without a break. Every morning before school starts, our custodians spray each class and office with a disinfectant and our office ladies serve as facto counselors for students and families, helping to reach out and check in with them. Our EAs have served an important support role but most importantly as the second teacher in the classroom, helping to fill gaps as needed.
2022 WAFF Board Members

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MAHALO to Hartung Brothers for donating all of the corn

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The 2022 WAFF Spirit Awards Luau and General Membership Meeting has been postponed to a later date in 2023. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate thru the uncertainties of Covid.

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