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L-R Sitting: Mildred Fuertes, Alice Brown, Alvin Kyono, Basilio Fuertes, Katie Hardwick, Roy Miyashiro, Janice Nitta, Adela Ochinang, Lisa Hiraoka, Brycen Hiraoka, Irene Muraoka, Blanche Suga, Gwen Teragawa (*Missing: Naoko Ho, Ester Estes, Georgette Cayaban*)

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president's message ▼



PRESIDENT: Janice Nitta,
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Aloha, Waimea Alumni & Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Foundation projects over the years. Your generosity in donations and time have enabled the Foundation to support the students of Waimea High School.

- ✦ We have enabled school clubs and related groups to fundraise totaling more than \$105,000
- ✦ We have given grants for school projects totaling more than \$73,000
- ✦ Since 2003 the Foundation has presented scholarships and awards to graduating seniors totaling more than \$35,000

strategic plan

The Board received a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation to put together the WAFF Strategic Plan, 2012-2015. We have identified seven major goals and have put together action plans to carry out these goals over the next three years.

- ✦ Form committees to implement the Strategic Plan
- ✦ Increase membership
- ✦ Strengthen finances
Increase the Endowment to \$300,000 by 2015
- ✦ Increase the number of volunteers participating in events
- ✦ Improve communications to members, alumni and the community
Update alumni database
- ✦ Diversify the Board of Directors
- ✦ Support Waimea High School needs and priorities

We have formed four committees. They are:

- ✦ **Membership** Alice Brown, Naoko Ho, Ed Nakaya, Sherman Shiraishi, Kathy Uyeda
- ✦ **Finance** Alvin Kyono, Lynn Mira, Gary Nitta, Janice Nitta, Ricky Tsuchiya
- ✦ **Volunteer** Basilio Fuertes, Katie Hardwick, Adela Ochinang, Lisa Hiraoka, Bobby Tanita
- ✦ **Communication** Brenda Denny, Irene Muraoka, Brycen Hiraoka, Blanche Suga

If you are willing to serve on one of these committees, please complete the enclosed Membership Form and return it as indicated, or contact one of the committee members.

We couldn't have done any of this without the help of our supporters and friends. We sincerely appreciate your help and ask for your continued support.

We continue to recognize deserving individuals who have given much to their school and/or community through our annual luau. This year's General Membership Meeting and Luau will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 on the front lawn of the campus. The meeting and program will begin at 4:00 pm with a luau dinner to follow.

This year, the Board received a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation. With this generous grant, we were able to contract Nadine Nakamura of NKN Project Planning and are in the process of putting together a Strategic Plan for the Foundation.

Planning for the 2013 WAFF Carnival will begin in August, 2012. The meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesdays of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center beginning at 6:30 pm. We need volunteers for all the committees. If you can help, please come.

The WAFF Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center beginning at 7:00 pm. All alumni and friends are welcome.

There is so much information that we want to convey to you but we need to limit what we can include in this issue; but, we will send you more information in our later issues. We are sending this issue via the US Postal Service. If you wish to receive future newsletters by e-mail, complete the Membership Form and return it to us.

Hope to hear from you or see you at our meetings.
 Mahalo,

Janice F Nitta,
 2012 WAFF President



◀ 2011 Spirit RECIPIENTS

FRONT ROW, L TO R:
Kenichi Shimogawa
Richard Waalani
George Paiste
Sarah Paiste

ROW 2, L TO R:
Randal Valenciano
Doric Yaris
Iris Hesapene

2011 Spirit Awards

Iris Hesapene... Coach & Team Mom to Hanapepe Pop Warner Cheerleaders, Waimea High School Cheer Team

George Paiste... Active member of community organizations – West Kauai Lions Club, Waimea T Ball League, Salvation Army, Waimea Youth Golf Program, Ua Keiki Kakou, Kauai General Atomic Science and Exposition Show

Sarah Paiste... Dedicated member of community organizations – Kauai Association for Family & Community Education of Hanapepe, Hanapepe Salvation Army, Kauai Farm Fair, American Cancer, Waimea Youth Golf Program, Ua Keiki Kakou, Kauai General Atomic Science and Exposition Show

Kenichi "Stoop" Shimogawa... One of the original organizers of the Pop Warner Football program on Kauai. Coach and long time official of high school and Pop Warner football games

Randal Valenciano... Chief Judge and Administrative Judge of Fifth Circuit Court. Had his own law practice, Served as county deputy prosecutor, state public defender and county council member.

Richard Waalani... Supporter of youth groups and foundations – Waimea & Kauai High Schools, Senior Softball League, High School Rodeo Association, Pop Warner Associations of Kekaha, Hanapepe, Koloa, Lihue, Korean War Veterans, Special Olympics

Kumu Doric Yaris... Has provided the Kauai community with free hula lessons for the past 22 years Volunteers his organizational and creative talent with entertainment services at community events – Koloa Days parade, WAFF carnival, Waimea Christmas Lights parade

Past Spirit Award Recipients

- 1995 George Arthur Kruse, Muggsy Morikawa, Yukie Ueoka Ozaki, Sakae Takahashi
- 1996 Richard Doi, Shurei Hirozawa, Shigeru Hotoke, Naoko Honzaki Ho
- 1997 Norma Nomura DeSaeger, Takeshi Fujita, Florence Yokotake Miyasato
- 1998 Rodney Hustead, Keiji Kawakami, Arlene Kuapahi, James Okada, Tamo Tokushige
- 1999 Michael A. Faye, Wallace Kawane, Sueko, Hokada Kimura, Bernice Masaki Okino
- 2000 Edmund Acoba, Jose Bulatao Jr., Dr. Mitsura Kubota
- 2001 Basilio Fuertes, Eduardo Malapit, Glenn Nitta

- 2002 Recognition of Charter Board Members and officers
- 2003 William Bonachita, Peter & Wendy Kruse, Martha Kruse, Jane Saito Matsukawa, Gordon Mattos, Aaron Uyeda, FRIENDS OF WAFF: Gordon Harada, Jackson Hamamoto, Donald Nitta, Robert Tanita
- 2004 Sadie Kabazawa Doi, Takashi Kajihara, James Kitamura, Ronald Kouchi, Emilio Spud Olivas, FRIENDS OF WAFF: WHS Cafeteria, WHS Custodial Staff
- 2005 Victor Aguilar, David Fuertes, Kuraichi Hirokawa, Myles Moriguchi, Sakiko Okihara, Rosita Resquer
- 2006 Violet Hee, Jennie Keuma, Janice Nitta, Richard Ueoka, Carol Yotsuda, FRIENDS OF WAFF: Jim and June Nakagawa
- 2007 Federico Acoba, Cristobal Kealoha, William Honjiyo, Harris Moriguchi, Dr. Mariano Torres
- 2008 Mildred Fuertes, Roy Miyashiro, Russell Nonaka, Manny Rapozo
- 2009 Louis Almadova, Pedro Patrick Baniaga, Janet Kahalekomo, Joyce Akagi Nagata, Bruce Hiraoka, Lisa Sueyasu Hiraoka
- 2010 Alice Hayselden Brown, Gordon Harada, Dr. Stanwood Kanna, Aikio Nakaya, Robert Tanita, Janice Tanita, Gwen Ishida Teragawa

Upcoming WAFF Events

◀ ALUMNI & SPIRIT AWARDS LUAU
{ September 8, 2012 }

A meeting and program will begin on campus at 4:00 pm with a luau dinner to recognize the Spirit Awardees: Priscilla Badua • Gerald Hirata, Ian Kagimoto • Millicent Wellington

Ticket purchasing information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

◀ CARNIVAL { February 8 & 9, 2012 }

2012 WAFF Carnival | A Huge Success

By Carnival Chair Brycen Hiraoka, Class of 2005



The alumni classes were ready, the food was prepped, the games were cheery, and the stage was set! Then the crowds came and came and came. The 2012 Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation's annual carnival drew in hundreds of people from all walks of life. Current students, teachers, parents, future Menehune, politicians, supporters, and of course fellow alumni were among the crowds.

With the greatest task of organizing, planning, buying, setting up, and ensuring everything ran smoothly in the food booth, Lisa Sueyasu Hiraoka did just that. For the seventh year in a row, the food booths had lines of hungry people just waiting to eat all of the Onolicious food that was offered like the Lau Lau dinner plate done by the WHS Menehune Band Program and so may more. Besides the many other dinner plates, let's not forget the other delicious offerings of Saimin, Pronto Pups, Flying Saucers, and Andagi. A special thank you goes out to the following classes for their hard work and volunteerism for running the booths, Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1994. Another special thank you goes out to the grillers for the main plate on both nights Patrick Pereira, Glenn and Cheryl Morimoto, and Mike Nakata; and Food Booth Assistants Pricilla Badua, Bobby and Janice Tanita, Gordon Harada, Scott Hardwick, Bruce Hiraoka, and Braden Hiraoka. Clubs and organizations, both on and off campus, were given the opportunity to raise funds in the forms of games and snack booths. The WHS Cheer Team did the baseball throw and basketball toss; the Robotics Club made shaved ice, popcorn, and did face painting; the JROTC Battalion entertained the little ones with their "keiki kornet"; the Language Arts Department did a fish pond; the Spanish Club did a Spanish trivia game; the Hula Class did a duck pond; the Class of 2012 did ring toss; and the Waimea Project Graduation sold ice cream and cotton candy. These groups had the tasks of selling \$500.00 worth of carnival scrips to "reserve" their space, were responsible for getting all of their necessary materials to run the booths, and assisted with the setting up and breaking down of the carnival booths. Needless to say, they all raised the needed funds. So, if you want to reserve your space for next year's carnival, start sending a representative to our carnival planning meetings beginning in August!



Speaking about snacks, a really big shout out goes to the Class of 1963 with their fearless leaders Patsy Nitta and Kathy Uyeda, for organizing, setting up, pricing items, and breaking down, the successful Country Store. Fresh orchids, books, clothes, electronics, fresh produce, plants, and best of all the fresh baked goods filled every nook and cranny. I remember hearing the classmates saying that working the country store, was like having their own little reunion. I hope they are able to do it one more time in 2013, as it would celebrate their 50th class reunion.



With all of the Menehune pride in the community, those looking for something extra special probably found it in the Silent Auction tent. Fellow alumni's businesses, West Kauai companies, and corporations, donated a little something to make it a special night for carnival goers. Menehune Class of 1979 lead by Adela Ochinang, and Danette Veal-Wise, ran and organized the silent auction. There was even a lucky drawing for a handmade quilt donated by fellow alumni, or a two-night stay at the Waimea Plantation Cottages. Thank you all who donated towards the silent auction.

Then there was the great entertainment that filled the stage on both nights of the carnival. On Friday night, there was Ron Toki, WHS's Hula Class, the 3 J's, the Menehune Band, Tsunami Taiko, and Danny Hamada and the Star Lighters. Saturday night's lineup included now alumni John Medeiros and Friends, the Waimea Canyon School Band, State Cheerleading Champions the Menehune Cheerleading Team, Familiar Sounds, KUGA dance studio, and highlighting the evening was a performance by Halau Hula O Hali'ileo under the direction of Alumnus Kumu Hula Doric Yaris. The class of 1979 was well represented on stage both nights as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies was Edwin Veal and Kathy Taylor for Friday night, and Rhoda Libre was the Mistress of Ceremonies on Saturday night.



So, a great **BIG MENEHUNE MAHALO** goes out to all of the volunteers who have spent their countless time and energy to make this carnival a huge success! The 2013 Carnival is set for February 8th and 9th. We'll be looking for classes again to volunteer for food booths, setting up, cleaning up, food prep, and organizing other areas of the carnival. Meetings will begin in August, with monthly meetings to follow. Class representatives are encouraged to attend all of our meetings to keep updated with all of the processes going on. For more information, contact myself, Brycen Hiraoka at brycen.hiraoka@gmail.com.

lifetime members

61 Larry Agena
66 Edward Bal
55 Carmen Mateo Bostick
73 Judy Cabanting
47 Felicidad Cagalawan
44 Jane Uyeno Char
41 Shigeko Miyagi Chock
57 Leimomi Bal Crowell
64 Clifford Daida
73 Wendell Dang
58 Norma Nomura DeSaegher
48 Yoshie Harada Dickenson
47 Sadie Kabazawa Doi
76 Lorna Doi
47 Mansfield Doi
49 Ruby Emura Doi
72 Stanley Doi
77 Steven Doi
72 Crystal Kanna Egusa
45 Hiroshi Enoki
48 Edna Abreu Estrella
76 Janet Kagawa Fong
64 Alvin Fujii
66 Kathleen Teshima Fujii
50 George Fujii
37 Shigeru Fujikawa
63 Gilbert Furtado
51 Elaine Hanashiro Ganeko
48 Ritchie Genry
53 Mary Mateo Gentry
41 Yukio Bola Gotanda
40 Dr. George Goto
58 Pansy Yoshida Goto
47 Renji Goto
45 Alice Nakano Hanna
64 Clifton Hashimoto
72 Craig Hayashi
46 Mabel Kawakami Hashisaka
60 Valentine Hataishi
42 Allison Hiroko Kabutan Higa
63 Karen Yokoyama Higa
48 Edith Masaki Hirata
39 Fred Yoshimatsu Hirayama
Fr Betty Hirozawa
45 Masako Okuhira Hitch
48 Naoko Honzaki Ho
39 Garret Susumu Hokada
49 Helen Doi Honnaka
Julie Ibara
48 Sakiko Miyashiro Ichinaga
45 Tad Tadao Iimura
45 Charles Ijima
51 Seizan Inamine
47 Tamiko Nonaka Inoue
58 Howard Inouye
76 Joni Okada Ishihara
52 Masami Itamura
43 Fumiko Uechi Itokazu
63 Brian Iwata
63 Alwyn Kakuda

52 Donald Kanagawa
52 Lillian Katsura
63 Dennis Kauahi
60 Rufus Kauani
37 Keiji Kawamura
76 I. Masae Kawamura
58 Wallace Kawane
39 Yukiko Takeshita Kawasaki
46 James Kimoto
47 Masako Yamamoto Kimura
37 Sueko Hokada Kimura
59 James Kitamura
55 Esther Matsuba Kodani
76 Kenn Kojima
44 Dr. Glenn Megumi Kokame
75 Ronald Kouchi
38 Martha Sialana Kruse
72 Peter Kruse
72 Wendy Matsuda Kruse
50 Mitsuru Kubota
45 Ryo Kubota
42 Saburo Kubota
43 Miyono Kunioka
41 Shizumi Kunioka
63 Linda Ishibashi Kutten
66 Alvin Kyono
70 Maile Kagawa Lam
59 Janet K. Bal Landfried
75 Corrine Kubota Lau
43 Carmel Paruginog Lee
48 Robert A. Lee Jr
64 Arnold Leong
44 Michael Madreau
60 Steven Manaday
49 Helen Martin Martin
51 Helen Masaki
55 Setsuo Masaki
52 Barney Mateo
55 Jane Moriguchi Mateo
58 Howard Matsuda
44 Seiei Matsuda
44 Takeshi Matsuda
63 Dennis Matsumoto
41 Ann Sonoe Taketa Matsuoka
50 Barbara Waterhouse McCord
55 Janice Okinishi McGraw
51 Alice Sakoda Medeiros
45 Alice Higa Miller
58 Allen Miyakado
43 Shigetoshi Miyasato
48 Fusao Miyashiro
41 Norma Akiko Shimabukuro
Miyashiro
46 Momoe Kokubo Mondschein
51 Beatrice Ikehara Moreira
67 Glenn Morimoto
53 Harry Muranaka
63 Nelson Muraoka
58 Joyce Akagi Nagata
40 H Barney Nakagawara

63 Jerry Nakagawara
44 Kikuyo Okamura
Nakamura
72 Ross Nakashima
69 Edwin Nakaya
63 James Nakaya
39 Katherine Fujiko Yamamoto
Nishida
87 Marciana Garma Nishida
65 Gary Nitta
Fr Janice Nitta
67 Jeffrey Nitta
65 Norman Nitta
48 Kenichi Nomura
48 Dorothea Tsuchiya Nomura
50 Masayuki Odo
45 Yoso Odo
44 Mutsue Tokushige Ogata
38 Takako Imamura Ogata
48 Allen Okamura
40 Sakiko Okada Okihara
78 Jan Okinishi
70 Danette Okino
53 Daniel Omakanim
43 Yaeko Miyashiro Ono
48 Hideo Oride
43 Kaoyo Watase Otsuka
51 Kenneth Oyadomari
74 Joanne Ho Parongao
65 Dr. Isabel Parraga
66 Diane Broccardo Pittro
59 John G. Robley
67 Jay Sakai
61 Dennis Sakoda
48 Yoshie Odo Sato
63 Karen Wong Scharfenstein
73 Claire Inazu Seaver
55 Arnold Shimazu
60 Maurice Shimonishi
59 Roy Shimonishi
72 Sherman Shiraishi
46 Michio Shitanishi
65 Blanche Izumi Suga
98 Jill Shimatsu Suga
98 Leilani Costales Suga
95 Keith Suga
99 Kevin Suga
95 Marla Shimatsu Suga
93 Scott Suga
55 Kay Tamaribuchi
65 Clyde Tanita
63 Robert Tanita
Fr Janice Tanita
63 Warren Tanita
60 Gwendolyn Ishida Teragawa
Fr Gertrude Kawakami Toma
42 Kunio Tomita
Fr Joyce Ozaki Tomonari
64 Val Tsuchiya
40 Norman Ueda

46 Shigeru Uehara
75 Placido Valenciano
63 Carmen Mae Fuertes Vierra
53 Matilda Nawai Warkentiin
49 Mark Yoshio Watase
52 Richard Watase
50 Helen Sue Waterhouse
Wilson
66 Martin Wilson
54 Lester Yaguchi
59 Vee Miyake Yamafuji
70 Aimee Suzuki Yamamoto
49 Akimutsu Yamamoto
50 George Yamamoto
42 Kimie Kashiwai Yamamoto
38 Tadayoshi Yamamoto
41 Grace Seida Yamamoto
44 Tetsuo Yamamoto
47 Aiko Shimazu Yamamoto
66 Dr. Harold Yamase
46 Miwako Hokada Yorita
52 Saeko Yshitake Yoshida
55 Norman Yoshimoto
Fr = Friend

DECEASED
48 Hiromichi Asaoka
51 Amy Munichika Awtrye
45 Richard Doe
47 Takeshi Fujita
43 Moriyoshi Ganeko
43 Dr. Ben Hiroshi Hirano
37 Shurei Hirozawa
Fr Rodney Husted
51 Kiyoshi Kaneshiro
39 Yukiko Takeshita Kawasaki
70 Stella Kutaka Young
56 Hisayo Okada Niitani
51 Eduardo Malapit
Norman and Florence Morinaga
66 Priscilla Muraoka Nitta
41 Moto Okada
44 Spud Emilio Olivas
37 Yukie Ueoka Ozaki
50 Charles Bunjli Shimomura
65 Daniel Suga
37 Sakae Takahashi
Takako Takahashi
48 George Toyofuku

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WAFF MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MAIDEN)

CLASS OF _____

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

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE(S) _____

Home Work Cell

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please accept my contribution(s) for:

- \$_____ WAFF Membership {\$10/year}
- \$_____ Lifetime WAFF Membership {\$200}
- \$_____ WAFF Endowment (includes scholarships, school grants)
- \$_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Check any of the following as appropriate:

- _____ I would like to purchase tickets for the Alumni & Spirit Awards Luau, Saturday, September 8, 2012 @ \$10 each. Pick up @ ticket table.
- _____ I would like to make a nomination for the 2013 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.

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lifetime member!

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WAIMEA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



PLEASE PRINT - NAME: _____

PLEASE PRINT - MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

SIZE	navy blue	royal blue	
	qty	qty	
small			
medium			
large			
x-large			
xx-large			
	total t-shirts	\$	
	x \$10.00		
SHIPPING – FLAT RATE PRIORITY MAIL (neighbor islands & conus)			\$6.00
total enclosed			\$

Please make check/money order payable to WAFF.
 Please fill out form & mail with check or money order to:
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On behalf of the Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation's Scholarship Committee, it gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of the 2012 WAFF Scholarships, Ms. Kimberly Aguilar and Ms. Amber Fujimoto.

Kimberly Victoria Aguilar is the daughter of Victor and Pricilla Aguilar, and will be attending Abilene Christian University in the fall of 2012. She will be pursuing a degree in Exercise Science, with hopes of becoming an Occupational Therapist. She is the recipient of the Daniel Suga Memorial Scholarship. In her personal narrative to the scholarship committee, Kimberly says that a real challenge in her life has been adjusting to becoming a "foster family". Over the twelve years of being a foster family, the hardest thing was letting go of the kids that they've raised.

"I had grown attached to them; they were a part of me, just like my real brothers and sisters. But as hard as it was, I had to learn how to cope with the loss. Dealing with that type of loss is hard; it's not as bad as when someone dies, but sometimes it felt that way. The way I overcame the displacement of being the center of attention as the youngest child was through the love of my family. As we continued to take in kids and give up kids over and over again, I was able to realize that we were making the lives of those kids better while they lived with us. My family had enough love to provide to those poor neglected children who desperately needed love. Whenever one of the kids left, we would remind each other that God had a reason for it. The time and effort we had put into their lives would eventually pay off and that there were more kids that needed our help. Inviting new children into our home helped me handle the loss of the ones that left, even though I knew that these kids would also eventually leave too."

The characteristic traits which best describes Kimberly are being a role model and being a leader. She says that by being both a leader and role model, she believes that she has been able to positively affect the students around her on a daily basis. She does this by using the Army's Values acronym, LDRSHIP.

"I am Loyal to my family and friends, committed to my Duty as a child, student, and sibling; I give and receive Respect by performing Selfless service for my school and community while maintaining my Honor with the highest Integrity and demonstrating Personal courage by standing up for my beliefs and values what I was brought up with."

Amber Fusae Fujimoto is the daughter of Wayne and Hazel Fujimoto, and will be attending Western Oregon University in the fall of 2012. She will be pursuing a degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, with hopes of becoming an Elementary School Teacher or Counselor. She is the recipient of the Norman Takashiba Memorial Scholarship. In her personal narrative to the scholarship committee, Amber said that a challenging part of her life was when she suffered from a concussion in elementary school.

"On a bright sunny day during the month of October, a few classmates and I were playing basketball at 'Ele'ele Elementary School when I apparently fell and scraped a slab of skin off my cheekbone. I honestly don't remember exactly what happened, but from what I was told I landed ankles with a classmate before landing face first onto the black surface that lay below."

2012 WAFF Scholarship Recipients

By Brycen Hiraoka Scholarship Chair

I was escorted to the health room where I was picked up and brought home. After losing control of part of my body, my father rushed me to the Wilcox Emergency Room where I was sent through numerous tests and treatments. When the doctors finally discovered a successful way to keep the medication within my system, they sent me home on a strict diet and sleeping schedule. Several doctors at follow up visits informed me that due to the brain damage suffered from the concussions, it would be in the best of my interest to not continue playing soccer. Soccer had been the love of my life; it helped me make friends, kept me healthy, and was a sport I was actually good at. After a week of moping around and arguing with my parents, we finally decided to look around for some safety equipment. A community coach informed us that there were 'headgears' made specifically for players on Oahu that were in the same situation as me. The headgear was nowhere close to being the most attractive hair accessory in the world, but it allowed me to play and in the end that was all that mattered."

The characteristic trait which best describes Amber is being a leader. With her experience of finding and learning to adapt to the headgear for soccer, it has made her more aware that there is usually more than one solution in most situations; and it has taught her to be flexible in numerous predicaments.

"Waimea High School hasn't had a Winter Ball since my freshmen year. It was my goal to bring the event back to the school and although there were many obstacles to overcome, I was able to chair the committee that planned a successful and enjoyable event. Other around me seem to respect me for my leadership qualities and will sometimes 'volunteer' me for leadership roles."

Lastly, if she could be any local food dish, Amber too said that she would be a Loco Moco.

Congratulations again to Kimberly and Amber on a job well done. Each recipient received a \$1000.00 scholarship on behalf of the members and board of directors of the Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation, to assist in their future endeavors. We would also like to congratulate the Menehune Class of 2012, for being the next inductee to becoming Menehune Alumni.

WAFF Treasurer's Report June 19, 2012

Checking Acct Book Balance @ 4/2012 :	\$42,735.34
Transaction of May 2012	
Deposits	\$1,030.60
Interest	.55
Expenses	\$3,771.33
Checking Account Balance	\$39,995.16
GWN Securities Inc.	
Balance of April 2012	\$140,926.10
Transactions (+/-) Month of May 2012	-\$3,076.49
Investment Balance As of May 2012	\$137,849.61
Total Assets @ May 2012	\$177,844.77

Roy Nijashiro
 TREASURER