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# Meet our new UHF Trustees



**Peter Fukunaga**

As director of Hui Car Share at Servco Pacific Inc., Fukunaga focuses on mobility innovation and portfolio management. Before joining Servco he was an investment manager on the marketable securities team at Kamehameha Schools, which oversaw \$5.5 billion. Other past positions include serving as senior trader at Evolution Capital/Evo Capital Asia.



**Peter Grossman**

As a first vice president with CBRE's Industrial and Logistics group, Grossman specializes in advising clients in property dispositions, acquisitions, lease negotiations, investment analysis and asset repositioning. Before coming to Hawai'i, Grossman gained 15 years of general management experience in Asia, including nine years in Hong Kong and five years in Taiwan.



**Elliot H. Loden, Esq.**

Loden is a partner and founder of the law firm Loden & Conahan, LLC. He was previously an IRS estate tax attorney for the State of Hawai'i. He has also served on the Hawai'i State Bar Association, Hawai'i Estate Planning Council and the American Bar Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1983.



**Ken Miller**

Miller is senior VP, chief investment officer and manager of the Institutional Advisory Services Division for First Hawaiian Bank. Previously he was a senior research analyst at JP Morgan Securities and also worked in a variety of industries as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company. Prior to his career in business and banking, he was a physician in clinical practice.



**Diane Paloma, PhD**

Paloma is CEO of The King Lunalilo Trust and Home. She was previously director of Native Hawaiian Health at The Queen's Health Systems. She is on the boards of the Partners in Development Foundation, Friends of 'Iolani Palace, Bishop Museum Association Council and Hui Maui Ola. She is on the national board of the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum.



**Lori Teranishi**

Teranishi is founder and principal of iQ 360, a marketing and communications firm with offices in Honolulu, San Francisco and New York. She provides strategic counsel to emerging and Fortune 500 companies managing high-stakes crises, facing situations requiring brand repositioning, and undergoing organizational change. Previously she held a variety of positions at Visa USA.

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# WORKING TO CLEAR OBSTACLES TO A *healthy planet*

**W**e're trying to overcome the status quo," said Melissa Miyashiro (JD '10 Mānoa) of Blue Planet Foundation. "Our mission is to clear the path for 100 percent clean energy. There is barrier after barrier to get there, so our work is about clearing the obstacles."

Blue Planet Foundation is a non-profit driving this transition in Hawai'i. As chief of staff, Miyashiro manages the firm's policy work and oversees legal tasks involved in running a nonprofit.

Miyashiro's concern for the environment took hold when she learned in elementary school about deforestation of the Amazon rainforest.

"It was the first time I was aware that our local choices have far-reaching impacts," she said.

"When I was a teenager, my family lived in Peru, expanding my view of the world, and forming an awareness of my being connected to something bigger than myself."

These lessons sparked a lifelong commitment to caring for the planet, its people and its creatures.

Working as an environmental scientist after college, she considered attending law school to make a real impact with skills she could acquire there, such as analytical thinking, crafting compelling messages, and solving complex problems.

"I was drawn to the William S. Richardson School of Law for its renowned environmental law program," Miyashiro said.



*Melissa Miyashiro*

"Small class sizes allowed close collaboration and learning opportunities from the school's dedicated and impressive faculty. The program provided career support, working with students to place them in relevant internships and jobs after graduation."

Before joining Blue Planet, Miyashiro spent a year as a post-graduate legal fellow with the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS), a project of UH Mānoa's Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. It is a collaboration of agencies and nongovernmental organizations working to protect Hawai'i from invasive species.

She worked for CGAPS at the state Department of Agriculture's plant quarantine office, helping to review plant import regulations in order to prevent problems such as 'ōhi'a rust fungus, a disease which has decimated rose apple trees on Hawai'i Island and can afflict other trees, like guava and 'ōhi'a.

Miyashiro worked with scientists to provide legal support for

the agency in guarding against invasive species.

"The work was really interesting. There weren't many attorneys working specifically on these issues, so I had the opportunity to dive into a novel area as a recent graduate."

Miyashiro's full-time CGAPS fellowship is one of several positions funded by Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation, whose mission includes promoting stewardship, preservation, and protection of the natural environment. The foundation hopes to prepare Hawai'i's next generation of environmental leaders.

Miyashiro is proud that Hawai'i has stepped up in a leadership role on clean energy. She said, "I am hopeful that we can tackle our climate change challenge, and Hawai'i can lead the way."

"We are the first state in the nation to commit to reaching 100 percent clean energy and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045," she said. "Still, it's going to take big actions, not incremental steps."

# Honolulu CC | MELE 10th Anniversary

MIKE CURB MELE STUDIO • AUG. 30



Ten years ago, Honolulu Community College launched the Music & Entertainment Learning Experience (MELE) program for students interested in the dynamic and rapidly evolving music and entertainment industries.

Since then, MELE has inspired, encouraged and touched the lives of many – all through the power of music. Alumni, friends and supporters of the MELE Program gathered to celebrate the program’s past, present and future.



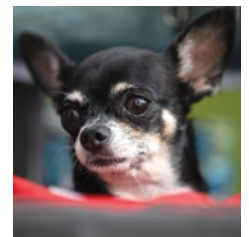
# Windward CC | Vet Tech Open House

HALE PĀLANAKILA • AUG. 12

Windward Community College Veterinary Technology alumni, donors and friends gathered for a special afternoon at Windward CC to celebrate the 13th birthday of the program’s beloved mascot and friend Abby (who got lots of treats). Guests were welcomed by Chancellor Doug Dykstra, and Vet Tech faculty and students provided tours of the Vet Tech facility. It was an enjoyable time of furry fellowship, food and fun.



See more event photos online:  
[uhfoundation.org/news/photos](http://uhfoundation.org/news/photos)



## UH Mānoa | Athletics Open House & Reception

UH MĀNOA ATHLETICS • AUG. 2

UH donors were treated to an exclusive open house at UH Mānoa Athletics, where they were personally thanked for the impact they are making every day through their generosity. The evening started with a bang as the band and cheerleaders kicked off the program. Guests enjoyed tours with coaches, staff and student-athletes. They were inspired to see what it takes to support student-athlete success on the field, in the classroom and in life.



## UH Cancer Center | National Cancer Institute Designation Celebration

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UH Cancer Center researchers, staff, leadership and donors, along with state lawmakers and other supporters, celebrated the renewal of the center's National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation. Presentations by UHCC scientists on their discoveries and research projects were the focus of the special event. The renewal was announced July 3 as UHCC retains its status as being one of only 70 NCI-Designated Cancer Centers out of more than 1,000 cancer centers across the country.





Tina Oh with daughter Kalia

## THE SCHOLARSHIP *motivated* ME — THE PERSON IT HONORS *inspires* ME

### By Tina Oh

2018 Valedictorian  
Kapi'olani Community College

I received the Helen Hites Scholarship for Student Success twice. The first time, I cried for two days, like I was being blessed. I wanted to reach out and thank the donor.

Helen Hites and I were both single moms; our children were both in preschool. I wanted to make a life for my daughter and myself, but I had no education and no work history. I knew I needed to do something.

Helen had gone back to school, and I thought if she could do it, maybe I could, too.

At first, my biggest obstacles were my study habits and low self-esteem. The students were so young there. "I know nothing," I thought. "My education stopped in ninth grade."

All my insecurities made it difficult, but I got into the habit of studying extra hard – six to nine hours a night. I needed to learn

the material, and sometimes reading things was difficult.

Every time I had a hard semester, I found the motivation to go on because I received that scholarship. I was so grateful.

Helen's scholarship helped me with financial burdens, but she inspired me most because of who she was. She was a single



Helen Hites died in a tragic accident in 2013 at age 32. A 2011 Kapi'olani Community College graduate, she was a second-year UH Mānoa nursing student at the time. She was also the single parent of then 5-year-old Phoenix. Hites' family and friends established an endowed scholarship at Kapi'olani CC to honor her memory. The award supports students who exemplify Hites' qualities: outstanding character, motivation and determination.

mom, going to school, getting good grades. She showed me what was possible.

I was at Helen's graduation when she was valedictorian. After she passed away, I joined Phi Theta Kappa honor society in memory of her – she had been president.

I told everyone back then, when I was still taking sub-100 classes like English 21 and 22, that I was going to be valedictorian.

Last May, I was asked to deliver the valedictorian's speech at commencement. I was honored to do it not just for my family and for myself, but for Helen, too.



I wanted to say, "Hey, Helen. I did it."

I'm now in my second semester at UH Mānoa in human development and family studies. I only attend half time because of work, but I'm still making progress in my education. I would love to earn my PhD one day.

In my new job at the Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, I help connect homeless people with housing or take them to treatment facilities. I'd like to start my own nonprofit someday, working with homeless women and children to get them off the street.

My advice for anyone walking my path is to put in the work. Never give up. Believe in yourself!

# TIM School memories inspire gift

If UH students embrace the power of Hawai'i's culture, the beauty of its land and the humility of living aloha, they will be at an advantage anywhere they live or work," said Clinton Inouye, a 1980 graduate of UH Mānoa's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM School).

"Pure academics can be taught anywhere," he said. "Living with aloha can only be learned in Hawai'i."

Inouye spent 29 years as a systems manager for Starwood Hotels & Resorts. Today he is a professional photographer and owns It's Photo Time! by Clinton Inouye.

Through the years he has stayed connected with TIM School as an active officer and volunteer for the UH Alumni Association TIM International, Inc. chapter.

"The friends I made in TIM School have remained in my life to this day," he said. He recalls picnics, camps, excursions, facility tours, and learning to carry a waiter's tray for the first time with real plates in Kapi'olani Park.

"You could drop and spill things in the park, something that would never be allowed if you trained inside a working restaurant," he said. "Real restaurants



Clinton Inouye

frown upon dropping and breaking dishes while training!"

Inouye said, "These activities bonded us to each other while we learned to work with people from all around the world."

Lasting relationships are one reason for his establishing the Clinton K. Inouye Scholarship, supporting undergraduate students at UH Mānoa's TIM School. Giving back and leaving a legacy are the others.

"My time as a TIM student was essential to my growth," he said. "We learned academics and life skills through internships and projects like TIM Night,

an annual event emphasizing practical execution of theoretical classroom teachings in real world environments, such as the industrial kitchens and banquet facilities in large hotels.

"The disciplines and skills I learned in college defined my adult life."

Inouye's desire to help Hawai'i's students in the TIM program reaches toward those who aren't traditional targets for receiving financial aid. In order to provide even more assistance for these students, he has committed a portion of his estate to endow the fund further.

"I have no children and my extended family is financially comfortable," he said.

"This scholarship in my name is a way to leave a legacy of TIM School graduates who will be leaders, caring about their guests, their environment, and their fellow employees: managers with aloha for the good of Hawai'i."

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## Kapi'olani CC food truck 'Cooking up a Rainbow'

Shoyu chicken and Caesar salad are some of the healthy favorites delivered by Kapi'olani Community College's new food truck to children eligible for free and reduced lunches at six meal sites over the summer. The effort is part of the Department of Education Office of Hawai'i Child Nutrition Program's summer food services program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Culinary Institute of the Pacific and Health Sciences Programs at Kapi'olani CC received \$70,000 from Kaiser Permanente and \$50,000 from Walmart Foundation to support the purchase and refurbishment of the college's "Cooking up a Rainbow" Health and Wellness Food Truck.

Daniel Leung, program coordinator in Kapi'olani CC's Culinary Arts department said, "This food truck plays such a key role in providing children with essential nutrition at times when they need it most, and educating our community for a lifetime of healthy eating."

The healthy lunch recipes are developed by the college's Culinary Innovation Center with the goal of using food from local farmers. The summer food services also served as a pilot production and taste-testing opportunity for a statewide farm-to-school lunch menu development project.

Throughout the year, the health and wellness food truck will provide cooking workshops,



*Kapi'olani CC's "Cooking up a Rainbow" Health and Wellness Food Truck makes healthy meals for O'ahu kids.*

and preventive health education and screening to children and families in low-income and outlying communities.

"Good nutrition is a fundamental building block of a healthy lifestyle," said Dave Underriner, president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Hawai'i Region. "It's our pleasure to support KCC's innovative work in providing meals to those in need because it will help our keiki, our kupuna and our community thrive."

"We feel it's important to give back to the island communities we serve," said Lance McAlister, Hawai'i market manager for Walmart. "On behalf of our more than 4,000 Walmart associates in Hawai'i, we're proud to support this valuable social service outreach program."