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Welcome, Tim Dolan!

Meet our new UH Foundation CEO & UH Vice President for Advancement

Following an international search, we are delighted to announce the selection of Tim Dolan as the University of Hawai'i's new vice president of advancement and chief executive officer of the Foundation, effective February 1, 2019.

Dolan is currently vice principal of advancement at the University of Sydney, leading that university's historic \$1 billion (AUD) campaign. Earlier in his career, Dolan served as director of development at UH's John A. Burns School of Medicine and UH Cancer Center and also worked at Chaminade University.

"I am thrilled to welcome Tim back to Hawai'i," said UH President David Lassner. "The university's strategic priorities can only be achieved by partnering with a strong advancement team, and Tim Dolan is the collaborative, highly experienced



Tim Dolan

leader the university and the Foundation need at this critical moment in our history. We look forward to working with him as we strengthen support for our ambitious goals in service to the university and our state."

Prior to the University of Sydney and after leaving Hawai'i early in his career, Dolan spent nearly seven years at UCLA providing fundraising leadership for the

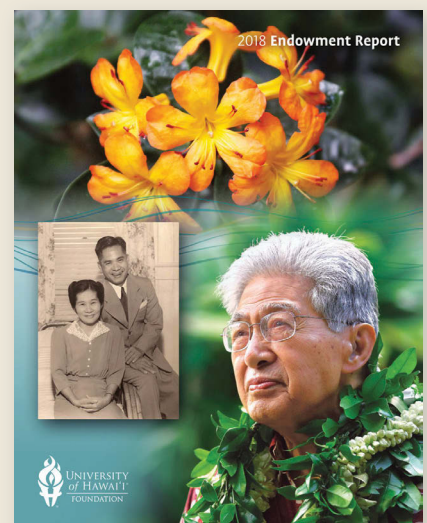
Division of Humanities before overseeing development for the College of Letters & Science and directing the university-wide leadership gift program. Dolan earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"As chair of the Foundation board of trustees, I am delighted that Tim Dolan will be leading the Foundation as we look to the future. We also wish to thank Donna Vuchinich for her dedicated service as the Foundation President and CEO for the past 15 years," said Catherine Ngo.

"During Donna's tenure, the Foundation grew from approximately \$84 million in assets to over \$500 million today. We are grateful for the substantial and lasting impact she has had on the lives of our students, staff, faculty and the entire State through her leadership."

2018 UHF ENDOWMENT REPORT

The best example of the long-term power of private support is the UH Foundation's endowment. Endowed funds are a blessing to their beneficiaries and a lasting tribute to the values and vision of their donors. In fiscal year 2018, the UHF endowment provided almost \$11 million in private support for scholarships, professorships and program enhancements across all 10 UH campuses. A positive return on investment of 8.1 percent and \$18.8 million in new gifts and other additions drove the endowment market value from \$296.2 million to \$322.7 million, net of payout and other withdrawals. Read about how these gifts are making an impact and learn about our investment strategy in this year's report.



View the full report online: www.uhfoundation.org/news/publications/endowment-report-2018

DONORS OFFER *Coral support*

Dr. Christine Zalewski's love for the ocean goes back generations.

"My grandmother taught me to love and respect the ocean," she said. "Ever since then, I've spent my life trying to be as close to tropical waters as possible."

This passion led Zalewski and husband Martin Kossoff to buy a home on Hawai'i Island, where they've been visiting and snorkeling for almost 30 years. Over time, they've seen the coral reefs they love devastated by climate change and increased human activity.

Zalewski has been heartbroken by the loss. "Watching the large coral heads that had been my landmarks on the reef turn to rubble felt like losing old friends, one after another."

She found hope in Cindi Punihaole, founder of the Kahalu'u Bay Education Center, who has built a grass-roots program to protect the reef through education, research and advocacy.

"When I saw the tangible difference one woman was making in improving the health of the bay, I realized that the decline wasn't inevitable – that individuals could make a difference,

even in face of enormous obstacles," Zalewski said.

The couple then visited the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB), where they met Dr. Ruth Gates. They learned about her research and work on super corals, as well as her ambitions for the institute.

"We were absolutely blessed to talk story with Ruth Gates and hear her vision for HIMB," said Zalewski. "It was straight-forward, actionable and compelling. I could see the finished product in my mind – it was fabulous and it deserves to be a reality."

They made a gift to the HIMB Director's fund to help raise the profile of the institute. They hope their gift will inspire more donors to contribute to the preservation of our precious marine environments.

"We'd like to see the remarkable 'ohana of HIMB scientists be given every ounce of support possible to help keep our oceans alive for future generations."



Christine Zalewski & Martin Kossoff



Dr. Ruth D. Gates

The world lost a phenomenal coral champion when Dr. Ruth Gates died on Oct. 25.

A shining star in coral research through the Gates Coral Lab, she had an indomitable spirit in every aspect of life. As a preeminent coral-reef biologist and marine conservationist, Gates was known globally for advocating for the breeding of "super corals" able to survive the impacts of climate change. People around the world were inspired by her fierce optimism that corals can and will be saved from the destructive effects of warming, acidifying seas.

Gates joined the faculty of HIMB in 2003 and took on the directorship of HIMB in August 2015. She worked tirelessly to improve the facilities on Coconut Island and raise support for the greater HIMB community. She believed keenly in the importance of its mission and the uniqueness of its history and place atop a coral reef.

Her loss will be felt deeply.



UH Maui College | 22nd Annual Noble Chef: "Moulin Rouge"

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Hawai'i CC | Scholarship Mahalo

MANONO CAMPUS CAFETERIA
NOV. 9

Hawai'i CC students, faculty, staff and administrators thanked scholarship donors for their generosity during a fun mahalo breakfast that was prepared by the talented culinary arts students.



Kapi'olani CC | Scholarship Mahalo Dinner

'OHIA CAFETERIA • NOV. 8



Scholarship recipients, faculty from Kapi'olani CC, and the UH Foundation team thanked generous donors for the life-changing impact their gifts are making. Alumnus Jason Tom, "Hawai'i's human beatbox," shared how Kapi'olani CC and scholarships helped him live his dream.



See more photos from these and other events at www.uhfoundation.org/news/photos

Giving local foster kids hope for future

Thirteen-year-old Grace Hendricks-Schleinkofer couldn't take anymore.

"I felt extremely lonely and suicidal. Nothing could make anything better if I stayed in that environment," she said. "I packed the things I could fit in my bag and walked out, to a Jack in the Box down the street, and called my grandma."

Hawai'i has approximately 1,500 children in foster care programs. Joanne Wood's family foundation, the Michael B. Wood Foundation, advocates for these children. Wood said that while foster families protect children from dangerous family situations, it is far too common for children to be shuffled between foster families until they 'age out' of the system.



Mike & Joanne Wood

"There are so many roadblocks and hurdles along the way," she said. "Foster children need loving support, bolstered self-esteem and financial stability."

Wood and husband Mike help foster children receive this support and find financial stability.

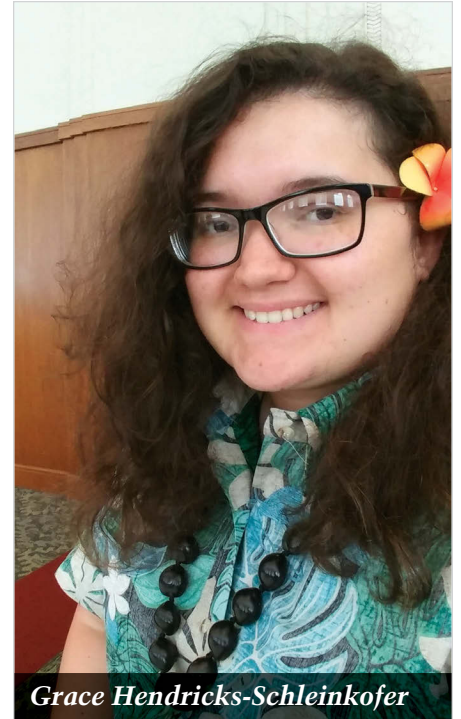
Mike Wood was inspired to help children in dysfunctional situations after experiencing his own rough upbringing. His father was an alcoholic, and one of his brothers suffered from emotional issues. Wood worked after-school jobs to help provide for his family from the time he was just 8 years old, according to *Midweek* magazine.

In addition to founding and funding Ho'omalulu o na Kamali'i, a transition home on O'ahu's Wai'anae coast for abandoned or abused children, the couple established scholarships for foster youth headed to UH Mānoa.

The Joanne Yaeger Wood Scholarship and the USN CDR George Walker Yaeger Scholarship assist students who are in foster care or are transitioning from foster care. The scholarships provide support through four years of education, in hopes of retaining students through graduation.

Hendricks-Schleinkofer, now a student at UH Mānoa, is one of the inaugural scholarship recipients.

"This scholarship makes everything a lot less stressful," she said. "I felt super guilty the last couple of years because



Grace Hendricks-Schleinkofer

my grandparents had to help me pay for college. With this scholarship, I can pay my tuition without assistance from my grandparents, who've been very supportive. Now they don't have to do that anymore."

With support from the Woods, Hendricks-Schleinkofer hopes to complete a degree in creative media. "If I can't get a job in animation right away after graduation, I'd like to go to graduate school and further my education," she said, "perhaps through programs with internships for more experience."

Young adults like Hendricks-Schleinkofer carry heavier burdens than non-foster children, said Joanne Wood. "Our family hopes to give them a chance in life. It won't be easy, but we hope they can obtain a college degree and be better prepared to meet day-to-day challenges as responsible adults."

Tax-smart strategies can benefit you and UH

End-of-year tax planning

During the holiday season, many of us reflect on the things that matter most to us, family, friends, health and happiness. This season also brings the tax year to a close, so smart tax planning should be top of mind, too.

Our team can help you reduce your tax liabilities while extending the joy of giving – so your gifts can be of most benefit to UH and the people it serves, while helping to fulfill your philanthropic goals. Here are some simple, tax-smart strategies to consider:

Give appreciated securities instead of cash:

- Benefit from stock market gains
- Receive full fair market value income tax deduction
- Eliminate capital gains tax on sale
- Easy electronic transfer of shares

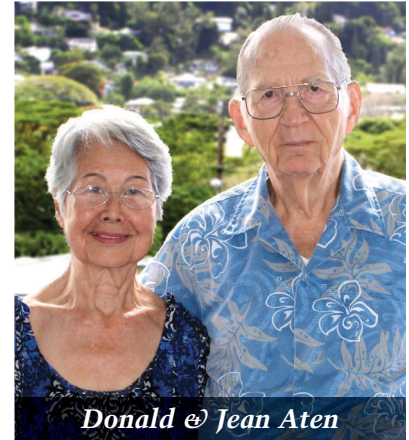
Charitable gift annuity: New higher rates!

A charitable gift annuity is an agreement in which a donor makes a gift of cash or property and in return, we make fixed annual payments to the donor for life. Donors enjoy a favorable payout rate, based on their age. Consider a charitable gift annuity and turn low-paying cash assets into lifetime fixed annuity.

CGA	ONE LIFE	TWO LIVES
Age	Rate	Rate
60	4.7%	4.1%
70	5.6%	5.0%
80	7.3%	6.2%
90+	9.5%	9.1%

The experienced staff at the Office of Estate & Gift Planning can help explain the benefits of the **charitable remainder trust (CRT)**, **charitable gift annuity (CGA)** and other tax-smart strategies with you and your advisers. With good gift planning, you can save on taxes and support students and programs of your choice throughout the UH System. Call or email us today for more information or custom illustrations.

Donald Aten enrolled in the UH Mānoa Teachers College (now College of Education) in 1953. He had served five years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including a combat tour in the Korean War, and was able to enroll with financial assistance from the G.I. Bill.



“Being able to go to UH on a scholarship was a turning point in my life. For that I am deeply grateful,” said Aten. “I want to do the same for others who are just starting out. With a university education, doors open. Without one, it is very difficult to get anywhere.”

He met Jean Chiseyo Kawatachi when she was a student at Teachers College, and they married in 1955. After they earned their bachelor’s degrees, they went to Columbia University for graduate degrees.

After teaching in public schools, Aten began working for Teachers College as an instructor in education. Over the next three decades, he would earn a doctorate in education and become full professor. He retired in 1992 as emeritus professor of education.

Jean Aten spent several years interning at a school library and teaching in a private school before becoming the Pauoa Elementary School librarian. During a two-year leave, she earned her master’s in library science and was a children’s librarian at the New York Public Library. She returned to her position at Pauoa, where she stayed until retirement.

“Were it not for the scholarship I received, I wouldn’t have been able to earn my degree,” Donald Aten said. “I want to be able to do that for someone else.”

The Atens used a CRT, funded with a rental condo unit, to create an endowed scholarship. By doing so they are receiving a life income and tax relief, while making a wonderful commitment for a legacy gift.

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Mobile app helps blind visitors see national parks

A tall, white-brick lighthouse rises above a grassy field speckled with wildflowers in bright yellows, golds, pinks and purples. The sky is covered in thick, fluffy clouds. It's a beautiful morning at Cape Cod National Seashore ... or it was, when this photo was taken.

The image appears in a U.S. National Park Service (NPS) brochure. The print description of the photo is now also available as an audio recording through a free, research-based smartphone app for people who are blind or visually impaired.

"It can be very lonely, being alone and not being able to see," a blind visitor shared, as he listened through earbuds. "All of a sudden, though, through these descriptions, we can see."

The mobile app with detailed audio narratives of NPS brochures was created as part of the UniDescription Project (UniD), a collaboration among the UH Mānoa School of Communications, its Center on Disability Studies, the NPS, the American Council of the Blind (ACB), and other stakeholders, including support from Google.

So far, the UniD team has described 55 brochures, conjuring views of some of the most iconic parks in the U.S., including two in Hawai'i – Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pu'ukohola Heiau.

A recent grant from Google will fund 30 more audio descriptions, bringing Google's total contribution to UH and ACB to \$225,000, plus in-kind services. The NPS has given nearly \$345,000, plus



thousands of hours of staff services. All in all, project support totals more than \$500,000 and 10,000+ contributed hours.

More than 20 million Americans have a visual disability, according to the American Foundation for the Blind. Converting visual media, like photos, illustrations and maps, into audio is a challenge. The UniD team has developed a process, best practices, and digital tools to help, which it freely shares online at unidescription.org.

Feedback for UniD has been glowing. NPS staff praise the project and express interest in expanding media accessibility beyond brochures. Volunteers who have tested the app are "thrilled with the project and repeatedly ask when more audio descriptions will be available," said Dr. Brett Oppegaard, UniD's principal investigator and School of Communications associate professor.

One field test participant said, "I feel like my park is really making an effort to reach out to me."