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Q&A: UHF Board Chair Mike May

We interviewed UH Foundation Board of Trustees Chair T. Michael May, former president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Company, to find out why he supports UH.

Q: Why did you decide to join the UH Foundation Board of Trustees?

A: In my almost 14 years as president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Company, I saw a major contribution of technically trained talent provided by the university to our company. The majority of the engineers, technicians and business/accounting professionals at HECO were trained at UH. That contribution has been a key factor in HECO providing a vital and reliable resource to our community. Therefore, my desire to be involved be involved with the UH Foundation stemmed from a symbiotic relationship between the institutions.

Q: What future do you envision for the UH Foundation as we embark on the next 60 years?

A: The UH Foundation has made extraordinary strides in its first 60 years in building and growing the endowment to meet the educational goals and role of the university system. The next 60 years offer donors an opportunity to expand that role to offer better facilities and housing through prudent and opportunistic investing and fundraising. With less funding to the university from state government, aggressive and effective campaigns will be vital to the university's continued success.

Q: Why do you think UH is worth supporting?

A: The university serves as an incubator for emerging technologies, innovations and business opportunities. We all share a de-



T. Michael May

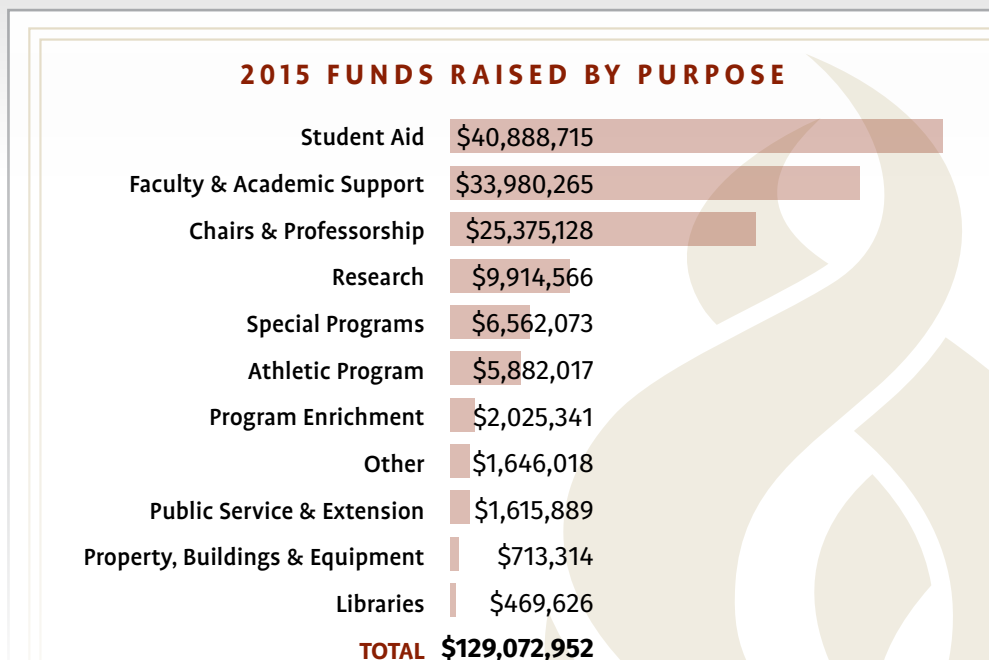
sire to find opportunities for our families to thrive and grow and remain a part of our community. By investing in and supporting the university, we increase our chances of fostering and growing a stable job base with positions in new and innovative businesses that offer compensation consistent with our high cost of living.

\$129M raised for University of Hawai'i students and programs

The University of Hawai'i Foundation, in partnership with generous donors and UH partners, raised \$129 million in fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015). These funds will support students, faculty, research and programs on all 10 UH campuses.

Thank you for your vision and generosity!

The chart at right shows how donors designated their gifts to be used.



DRS. SUNG CHUL & DAISY YANG:

Advancing Korean studies at UH

Drs. Sung Chul (MA '67 Mānoa) and Daisy (BA '66 Mānoa) Yang of Yongin, South Korea, have pledged \$1 million to establish an endowment to support the Drs. Sung Chul Yang and Daisy Lee Yang Lecture Series. This endowment will support the promotion and advancement of Korean studies at the Center for Korean



The Yang Family at UH Mānoa's Center for Korean Studies

Studies at UH Mānoa's School of Pacific and Asian Studies by creating a lecture series featuring eminent scholars of Korean or Asian affairs.

Dr. R. Anderson Sutton, School of Pacific and Asian Studies dean said, "This generous gift will enable us to bring very distinguished lecturers to our campus on a regular basis, offering valuable opportunities for our students and faculty in Asian Studies and Pacific Islands Studies to learn more about Korea – its history, its cultural accomplishments, and its dynamic rise in global prominence."

Established in 1972, the Center for Korean Studies develops and promotes Korean studies internationally. Outside of Korea, it is the oldest and largest Korean studies institution, and has the largest number of Korean studies scholars – with more than 30 faculty members.

"As an educational, research and informational hub for Korean studies in the U.S., the center serves as a support system for students, faculty and the Hawai'i community," said Dr. Sang-Hyop Lee, the center's director.

Dr. Sung Chul Yang has enjoyed a distinguished career in a range of leadership and academic positions. These include serving as distinguished professor at Korea University in Seoul; Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to the U.S.; senior adviser and chairman of the advisory committee of the Kim Dae-jung Peace Foundation; and member of the 15th ROK National Assembly.

Born and raised in Korea, he earned his BA from Seoul National University, MA from UH and PhD from the University of Kentucky.

"I not only owe a lifelong gratitude to UH Mānoa and the Center for Korean Studies, but to

the U.S. government and American people as well," said Yang. "At UH as an East-West Center grantee, I learned the importance of intercultural relations and education. Cultural open-mindedness isn't all I gained at UH. I met my wife, a third-generation Korean-American and for this too am grateful."

Daisy Jung Jin Lee was born in North Korea. Her family moved to Hawai'i and she graduated from McKinley High School. She earned her BA from UH, MS and PhD from the University of Kentucky, and MAT from the University of Louisville.

Dr. Daisy Yang had a successful career in academia, including professorships at Korea University, Hankook University of Foreign Studies and Kyunggi Open University in Seoul, Korea. She has served in a variety of community leadership roles and is the author of "Lady Bora from Diamond Mountain," a Korean historical fantasy novel.

The Yangs hope their gift will make a positive impact on the University of Hawai'i and beyond. "We established this endowment to contribute to the building of common ground that our world needs in order to resolve conflict and create a more peaceful world."

HAWAI‘I VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND: Supporting culture & students for 70 years

In the midst of World War II, attorney Robert Kiyochi Murakami proposed a brilliant and unprecedented course of action that eventually established the Hawai‘i Veterans Memorial Fund (HVMF).

After the start of the war, the 121 private Japanese language schools in Hawai‘i were mandated to disband. As president of the CHUO GAKUIN (Japanese Central Institute), then Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest Japanese language school, Murakami resisted losing his school’s property. He organized a non-profit corporation, to which he invited all the schools to donate their assets.

George Wright, editor of the Hawaii Herald, noted that Murakami brought together a group of HVMF charter members that were “some of the best legal minds in the Territory – whose integrity, community leadership and tolerance are on a high standard ... whose outright stands for fair play have won them nationwide reputations as truly democratic Americans” – J. Frank McLaughlin, J. Garner Anthony, Robert L. Shivers, Mitsuyuki Kido, Charles R. Hemenway, James T. Nishi, Farrant L. Turner and Murakami himself.

Then-Governor Ingram M. Stainback endorsed the plan and actively involved himself in its implementation in 1945.

HVMF’s purposes were to render aid to Hawai‘i veterans of World War II and their families; advance the ideals of racial and religious tolerance; promote goodwill and understanding among the people of Hawai‘i; and grant scholarships, loans and other assistance to men and women of promise in obtaining higher education in Hawai‘i or on the mainland.

Responding to this vision, HVMF received valuable donations that enabled it to assist thousands of Hawai‘i students of diverse ethnicities to attend colleges of their choice.

Since 1997, when a large portion of the fund was earmarked for University of Hawai‘i students, more than 2,700 students attending all 10 UH campuses statewide have benefitted from the Hawai‘i Veterans Memorial Scholarship, and countless students prior to that. These scholarships have made the promise of a better future possible for past and future generations.

Murakami will be remembered as a prominent and respected community leader in Hawai‘i. His stalwart actions helped Hawai‘i become a better place. His legacy of fairness and justice for all continues to touch the lives of all citizens in Hawai‘i today. His intrepid actions and values are ours to embrace, treasure and model.



In the heat of the war ... ignited by Pearl Harbor, many drastic measures were initiated ... The wartime policy or plan to exterminate Japanese language schools ... was being implemented ... I was confronted with the prospect of losing all property of the Japanese Central Institute of Hawai‘i ... I therefore sought the advice and counsel of responsible persons ... After prolonged consultation and deliberation, the consensus was to [create] a suspicion-free organization ... Thus the Hawai‘i Veterans Memorial Fund was ... organized for the avowed purpose of soliciting and receiving donations of language school assets which otherwise were destined to be taken by the Alien Property Custodian. The Charter specifically provided for scholarship grants ... to youths seeking higher education.

—Robert Murakami, 1975 speech



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REGENTS AND PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AWARDS DINNER • JULY 16

UH West O'ahu junior Coralyn Sunico wept as she explained what being the recipient of a UH Presidential Scholarship Award meant to her, as the first person in her family to attend college.

"It means a lot, because growing up with my family, there was no one who could help, so I didn't know what to do, I was so lost," Sunico said. "I just really wanted to continue school, because I

wanted to gain that knowledge and help other people."

Sunico was among 30 outstanding UH students honored July 16 at the Regents and Presidential Scholarship awards dinner. Home school graduate Rebekah Loving, who plans to study computer science at UH Hilo, was designated as the inaugural Senator Daniel K. Akaka Regents Scholar for Academic Excellence.



Daniel Akaka @ Rebekah Loving



L-R: Randolph Moore, Coralyn Sunico and David Lassner

The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents established the Regents and Presidential Scholarships in 1986 to support students with a record of outstanding achievement at any UH campus. Regents Scholars receive a full-tuition scholarship for four years of undergraduate study. Presidential Scholars receive a full-tuition scholarship for two years of undergraduate study. All scholars receive \$4,000 a year and a one-time travel grant of \$2,000

Tragedy builds special bond

In 2011, a team of students and faculty from Kadan Automotive Technical College in Sendai, Japan, visited Honolulu Community College in hopes of entering into an educational exchange between the two schools.

A few days after this exchange was established, we witnessed the horrific events of the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the Tohoku region. Two of the Kadan students, who were still in Hawai'i during the tragedy, lost their families and homes. Upon their return to Sendai, Kadan took full responsibility for the two students.

The tragic devastation brought students and faculty from both programs together, strengthening the partnership between the schools and the personal relationships between the students and the region.

Since then, Kadan has sent students and instructors to Honolulu CC for an international educational experience every year.

"Many educational institutions



Honolulu CC automotive student Gerald Acosta, left, learns from his peers at Kadan Automotive Technical College in Sendai, Japan.

have international exchange programs, but this exchange program between Kadan Automotive Technical College and Honolulu CC is unique because it involves two automotive technical training programs," said Warren Takata, Honolulu CC automotive instructor.

Thanks to the generosity of Honda International and Hawaiian Airlines, this partnership is

flourishing. This year, Honolulu CC sent Dean Keala Chock, Takata and two students to Sendai to learn at the Kadan facility.

"Even though I was only there for a few days, I saw myself learning a lot from the students and teachers," said Honolulu CC automotive student Gerald Acosta. "My experience at Kadan truly opened my eyes to how automotive could be anything you really want it to be."

Takata believes the exchange truly benefits students. "Both colleges seek to provide the best automotive training possible by joining together to share curriculum and trade experience," he said. "This partnership allows students to gain special skills through international education, technology and culture that could possibly make them the best automotive technicians in the Pacific."



L-R: Honolulu Community College's Warren Takata, Gerald Acosta, Kieran Yamamoto and Keala Chock at the airport in Sendai.

VIOLET SATO:

A lifetime dedicated to education

Violet Sato was the first of five children. Her parents ran the general store in Hale'iwa. They believed education was the pathway to a better life for their children. Consequently, Sato's siblings all completed college.

When war erupted in 1941, Sato volunteered at Waialua High School. Eventually her 'job' at Waialua High expanded to include duties as secretary, accountant, nurse and librarian. She also helped the cafeteria manager acquire the school food supplies that were difficult to find during the war years. The school principal suggested Sato take evening classes at UH to complete her degree. That suggestion would turn out to be very useful to her in later years.

In 1951 she became registrar at Kaimukī High School. By then she had attended a variety of UH courses related to her career. For example, if she had questions about accounting, she took an accounting class.

At Kaimukī High she oversaw the testing program and was a part-time school counselor. She took pains to instill self-confidence in her students. When she recognized a student was having difficulties, she



Violet Sato

would intervene. When a student came to school without lunch or lunch money, she preserved his pride by giving him an advance in exchange for his coming in after school to help her with classroom chores. Thanks to these successful interventions, some of her 'problem students' completed high school, went on to college, and are now comfortably retired.

The reputation she established in education came to the attention of the head of Damon Enterprises and Charities. He offered her a position as his executive assistant, which she held for 19 years. Sato then spent four years in a similar position with C. Brewer's International Agribusiness. The last eight

years before retiring from full-time employment, Sato served as executive assistant to the Richard Smart Trust.

After she retired, a friend suggested that she continue her service to students by funding a scholarship. With the help of the UH Foundation, she established the Violet S. Sato Endowed Scholarship Trust in 2006. The fund supports two graduates each year, one from Waialua High School and one from Kaimukī High School. They can attend any UH campus.

"Scholarships have the potential to transform lives," Sato said.

She recently increased her scholarship fund with a gift of appreciated securities to the endowment. She will also grow the fund through deferred gifts from charitable remainder trust proceeds, a life insurance policy and a bequest in her living trust. The enhanced fund will continue to grow in perpetuity to help even more students.

"My wish is that students will become better human beings because of the help they have received," said Sato. "I sincerely hope they'll respond by helping someone else. Perhaps members of their families will catch the spirit and spread it further."



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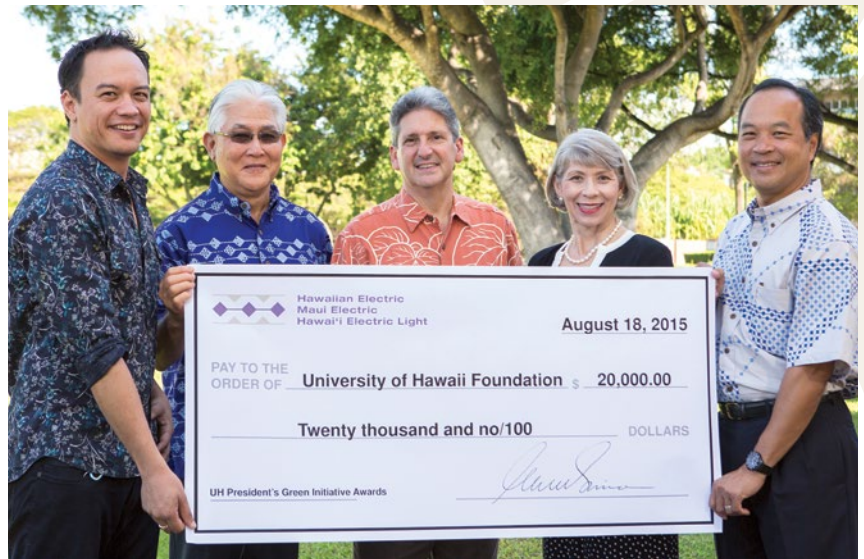
Corporate Corner

UH launches President's Green Initiative Awards

For the University of Hawai'i, sustainability is more than a buzzword. As Hawai'i's university, advancing communities across our state, UH has committed this year to the goals of carbon neutrality, zero waste, local food self-sufficiency and achieving net-zero energy. From divesting the university's \$66 million endowment fund from fossil fuel investments, to cultivating the next generation of sustainability leaders, UH is putting this commitment into action.

Students, faculty and staff are leading the way to integrate sustainability values at the UH System's 10 campuses. To recognize their contributions to sustainability-related efforts, President Lassner is launching the President's Green Initiative Awards through the UH System Office of Sustainability. This program supports student initiative, innovation, creativity and civic engagement in campus and community sustainability, while also recognizing the efforts of UH students, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond to promote sustainability efforts at UH and in the community.

"We are committed to meeting the State of Hawai'i's goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045, and we are always looking for ways to



L-R: Matt Lynch, Alan Oshima, David Lassner, Donna Vuchinich and Scott Seu

empower our customers and communities with affordable, reliable, clean energy," said Alan Oshima, Hawaiian Electric Company president and CEO. "In developing this awards program and other sustainability efforts, UH is recognized by our companies as a leader in innovation and responsible environmental stewardship. We are proud to partner with them in reducing our state's reliance on imported fossil fuels for electricity and transportation."

Mahalo to presenting sponsor Hawaiian Electric Company, and to Johnson Controls who are each sponsoring Green Student Leader and Green Project Implementation Awards.

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