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Annual Report



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Impact of generosity

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

By partnering with donors, the University of Hawai'i Foundation has raised \$129 million this fiscal year to benefit University of Hawai'i students, faculty, research and programs.

Dollars Spent (in 000s)

2015 DISTRIBUTIONS TO UH

Program services

Student aid and services	\$9,635
Special programs	7,102
Academic support	5,726
Research	5,365
Athletics	5,115
Capital projects	4,853
Faculty and staff support	3,112
Extension and public services	1,161
Other	1,134

Total program services \$43,203

Support services

Development	\$8,334
Management & fiscal services	4,446

Total support services \$12,780

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$55,983

Balance Sheet (in 000s)

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash & equivalents	\$11,410
Contributions receivable	85,805
Investments	373,240
Interest in trusts held by others	17,043
Property & equipment	2,284
Other assets	4,470

TOTAL ASSETS: \$494,252

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Liabilities under split-interest agreements	\$10,000
Amounts held for others	3,645
Accounts payable	5,888
Other liabilities	379

Total liabilities \$19,912

Net Assets

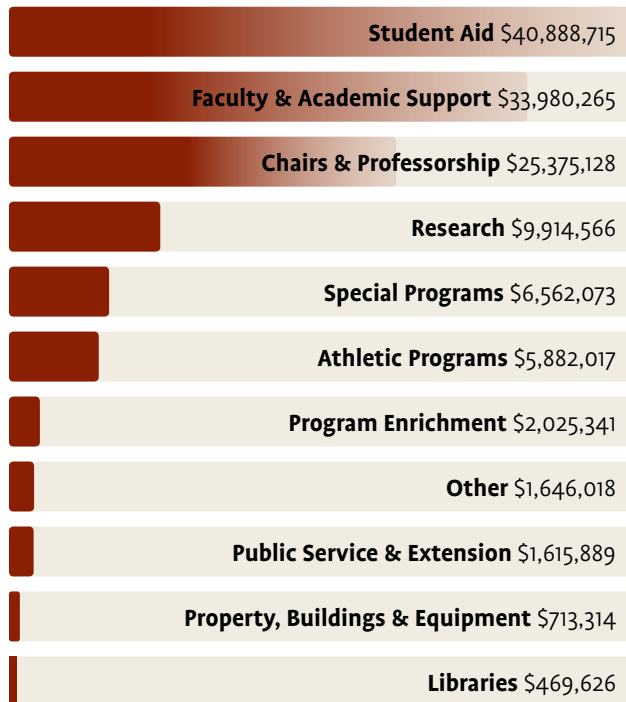
Unrestricted	\$2,872
Temporarily restricted	206,108
Permanently restricted	265,360

Total net assets \$474,340

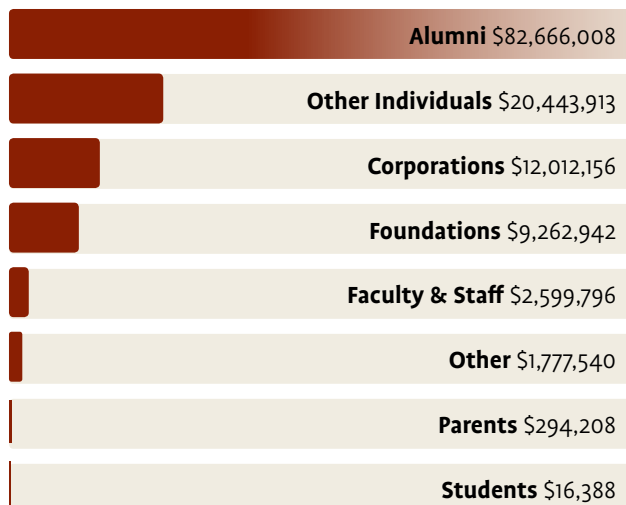
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FUNDS RAISED FOR UH IN 2015: \$129,072,952

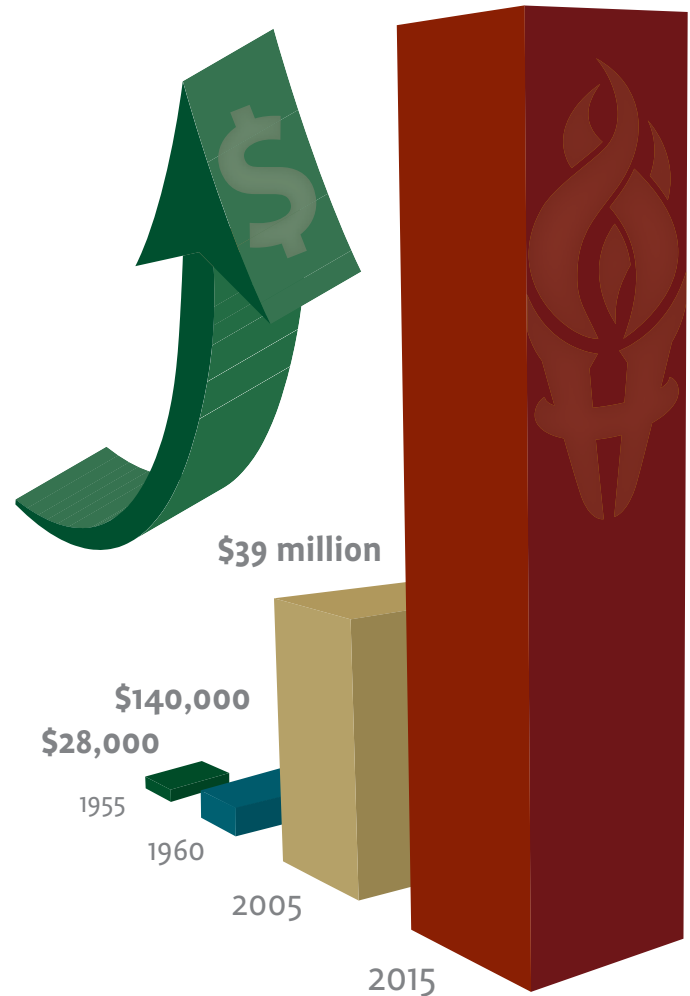
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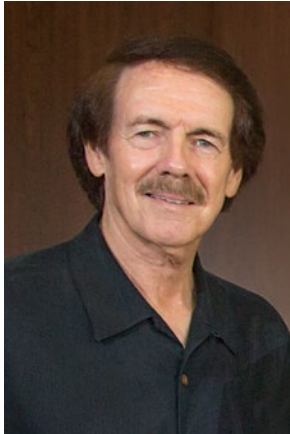
FUNDS RAISED BY SOURCE



\$129 million



These numbers highlight the growing impact the UH Foundation and its donors have made for the past 60 years.



Aloha,

Sixty years ago, nine members of the UH Board of Regents had the foresight to establish the University of Hawai'i Foundation. As we celebrate our 6th decade of support to Hawai'i's only public institution of higher learning, we give special thanks to these visionaries and to the countless benefactors who have made our university what it is today.

In 2015, a total of 9,653 donors raised a record \$129 million for the UH System. Their generosity, coupled with Jay H. Shidler's historic commitment of \$69 million, propelled the university forward in its fight against educational inequality and closer to its Hawai'i Graduation Initiative of 55 by 2025.

We also wish to recognize our remarkable community partners – organizations and companies who are actively investing in Hawai'i's future by funding groundbreaking research, developing innovative teaching programs, caring for Hawai'i's natural resources and helping to revitalize indigenous cultures in Hawai'i and abroad. They have also been instrumental in evolving our campuses toward the 21st century facilities our students and faculty need and deserve.

As remarkable as the past 60 years have been, we know that these heartfelt donations are just the beginning of even greater possibilities. On behalf of the students, faculty and future leaders of Hawai'i, we thank you.

Mahalo nui,

Handwritten signature of T. Michael May in black ink.

T. Michael May
2014-2015 Chair
UH Foundation
Board of Trustees

Handwritten signature of David Lassner, PhD in black ink.

David Lassner, PhD
President
UH System

Handwritten signature of Donna Vuchinich in black ink.


Donna Vuchinich
President
UH Foundation



60 YEARS OF

student opportunities

When Ruby and Paul Mizue established a culinary endowment, they cited the Japanese values of “kodomo no tame ni,” or to act “for the sake of the children.” From the Matthew Somchai Therrien Award, which honors a bright light dimmed too soon, to the opportunities provided by the Lunalilo Scholars and West Hawai’i Marine Sciences scholarships, the gifts from our 60th anniversary donors are truly for the sake of Hawai’i’s future generations.





A budding talent

LOST TOO SOON

and serving in AmeriCorps in Seattle, where he worked with students facing multiple challenges. His passion for mentoring youth and helping them overcome personal and cultural barriers grew. When he joined his family and moved to Hawai'i Island, he continued his community work by serving on the regional board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawai'i Island, and working at the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island.

While at UH Hilo, Therrien's talent as a writer was well-recognized. In 2012 he received the Droste Award for outstanding writing from UH Hilo for a portfolio of original poems.

"Matthew Therrien was an extraordinarily gifted, multi-faceted, delightful student, who inspired not only his fellow students, but also his teachers to continue to think, write and learn," said Kirsten Møllegaard, PhD, UH Hilo English department chair.



Therrien's father Mark said, "Matthew loved English. He loved to read and he loved to write – poetry and prose. And he loved to analyze everything he read." He said writing was a way for him to express his passion for social justice.

"Matthew believed that dialogue was the only way to end racism – to acknowledge its existence, to not be afraid to talk about it or write about it. Matthew was not afraid," Therrien said. "Heartfelt thanks to the kind faculty and staff of UH Hilo who gave Matthew (and us) so much more than a diploma."

Matthew Therrien was an aspiring English major at UH Hilo, with a dream of becoming an English professor. He was also a gifted poet, greatly loved son, and treasured friend at the time of his tragic death in a car accident on April 6, 2014.

Dr. Stephen and Gloria Gainsley, good friends of the Therrien family, decided to build on Matthew's remarkable legacy by starting the Matthew Somchai Therrien Award. This annual writing award recognizes outstanding students majoring in English at UH Hilo.

Therrien grew up in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin before following his heart

\$1 million grant changes student lives at Kapi'olani CC

Lester and Marian Kaneta pledged \$1 million for a challenge grant to help raise funds to sustain the Lunalilo Scholars Program at Kapi'olani Community College, and double the number of students enrolled in this successful program. The Lunalilo scholarship program was launched in 2012 when the school partnered with the Kanetas to support financially at-risk students.

UH System Vice President for Community Colleges John Morton, PhD, said, "Some people dream of going to college, but do not believe they ever will. The perceived barriers might be financial situation or lack of self-confidence, or even just not knowing how to start. Programs like the Lunalilo Scholars and the support of private donors like the Kanetas break down that first barrier and open up higher education to these students. Given this opportunity and the right support system, the students do very well and their dreams become their realities."



Kawai Marks, Kina Kaanoi & Jennifer Wong-Ala are in the Lunalilo Scholars program at Kapi'olani CC.

Lunalilo Scholars students receive one year of tuition at Kapi'olani CC, combined with an extensive support system designed to help students overcome personal and academic challenges.

Carpenters create student scholarship to help animals

Retired UH Mānoa professor Dr. Jim Carpenter and his wife Jeanne, who retired from the Hawai'i Department of Education (pictured below), care deeply about animals. To help prepare future veterinarians and others who work with animals, they made a \$75,000 gift to create endowed scholarships at UH Hilo and UH Mānoa.



"I have enjoyed a very rewarding career at the University of Hawai'i, and the students and people of Hawai'i have been an integral part of our family's life," said Carpenter. "Because we have been blessed in our careers, health and spiritual growth while living in Hawai'i, we wanted to give back to the community."

Carpenter added, "We hope these scholarships will allow students to place greater emphasis on their coursework and other educational requirements, rather than being pulled away from campus to work. Good internship experiences and opportunities to be involved in research projects with faculty members during their time at UH are invaluable learning experiences. We hope that these scholarships give students the time and resources they need to make the most out of these critical opportunities."

LIVING *family values*



Ruby and Paul Mizue (above) established the Nobuye Horio Culinary Scholarship Endowment at Leeward Community College with a \$100,000 gift in honor of Ruby's aunt. The scholarship will support Leeward culinary students who are graduates of a Hawai'i high school.

"As a sansei, or third-generation Japanese-American, I have been the privileged recipient of the values and sacrifices of my grandparents, parents, and loving aunts and uncles," said Ruby Mizue.

"The Japanese principles of *Okage sama de* (I am what I am because of you), *Gokuro sama* (thank you for your efforts/hard work) and *Kodomo no tame ni* (for the sake of the children), all envelop the spirit of gratitude and love for our past and hope for the future," Mizue explained.

She said her elders lived these values, giving her a strong, loving foundation upon which to pursue

her education and career goals, raise a family, and finally to return that loving support and care in their final years. "Even as their lives faded, they taught me priceless lessons in patience, flexibility, and unconditional trust and love," said Mizue.

"These 'gifts' are blessings that can never be adequately repaid. Through this scholarship, these values that were so evident in my aunt's life, and passion for culinary excellence, will live on."

Nobuye Sato Horio (below) was born in Waipahu in 1923, the second of six children of Japanese immigrants. Together with her sisters, she helped her parents by working in the Sato family's saimin stand during and after World War II.

From these humble beginnings and with no formal training in food service or cooking, Horio began her lifelong love of food and dining. After the family saimin stand closed, she worked in many restaurants, including Woody's in the Kapi'olani/Ke'eumoku area, where she met her husband Masami Horio, a bookkeeper at the restaurant.

Throughout her long life of 91 years, Horio never lost her taste for fine dining and excellence in food service.

This past year, Ruby and Paul Mizue also established the Masami Horio Memorial Fund at the UH Cancer Center with a pledge of \$100,000.



Training future automotive technicians

On July 18, 2015, eight high school students were recognized in a ceremony celebrating the completion of the 11th Hawai'i High School Summer Auto Academy at Honolulu Community College. The program, sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank, targets high school students interested in the automotive industry. They participate in an unpaid internship at a Cutter Auto dealership in the mornings, then attend classes at Honolulu CC in the afternoon, five days a week for six weeks. Upon successful completion of the program, the students receive four college credits toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in automotive technology.

"This program exposes high school students to the automotive industry and gives them a unique opportunity to experience a college level learning environment," explains Honolulu CC Chancellor Erika Lacro, PhD. "We are teaching them transferable skills that will translate in any workplace."

The innovative summer program began as a



Honolulu Community College auto technology instructor Warren Taketa (right) works with Summer Auto Academy students from Wai'anae High School Ronny Landford (left) and Tilsen Evaimalu (center).

collaborative partnership between Honolulu CC, First Hawaiian Bank, Waipahu High School and the Cutter Automotive Group in response to a shortage of trained workers in the automotive technology industry. Since the program's inception in 2004, the bank has contributed more than \$125,000, which covers the cost of tuition, tools and supplies.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle helps keep Hawai'i green

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) annually donates \$6,000 for agriculture and environmental scholarships at Windward Community College. This new gift will support existing LKOC scholarships at Windward CC – the LKOC Environment Studies Scholarship and the WCC Agriculture Scholarship. To date, the LKOC Environment Studies Scholarship, established in 2010, has awarded \$10,000. The WCC Agriculture Scholarship was established in 1993 and has awarded \$24,000 in scholarship support.

Windward CC Chancellor Doug Dykstra said, "We have many students struggling to pay for tuition, books and fees, so every scholarship gift is critically important to student success."



Windward Community College Chancellor Doug Dykstra joins Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle President Diane Harding as she signs the ceremonial check.

Tseu creates award to assist U.S. veterans & families



L–R: Dr. Mary Boland, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene dean, Dr. Lawrence Tseu and Shelly Wilson

Thanks to Lawrence K. W. Tseu, DDS, U.S. veterans and their families can transition to careers in nursing with support from the Shelley Wilson Nursing Scholarship for Veterans, created in honor of Shelley Wilson, founder, president and CEO of Wilson Care Group.

“I wanted to honor Shelley with a scholarship in her name because I want others to know what a tremendous job she does for others in the community,” said Tseu. “Shelley has overcome great adversity in her life and spends much of her time giving back to assist our kūpuna and veterans.”

The Shelley Wilson Nursing Scholarship for Veterans complements the Achieving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing: A Veterans’ Initiative program, which was selected for a \$342,472 federal grant awarded to UH Mānoa Nursing to assist U.S. veterans with medical training backgrounds in transitioning into a new career in nursing.

Coach Saake remembered through gift to UH Mānoa

The Dr. Alvin & Monica Saake Foundation awarded \$82,000 to support a range of UH Mānoa Athletics programs and its College of Education.

Alvin Saake, EdD, spent more than 42 years at UH before retiring in December 1990. He held a number of positions in UH Mānoa Athletics that spanned five decades. Commonly referred to as the “Father of Modern-Day UH Basketball,” Saake coached the Rainbow Men’s Basketball team for nine seasons. His induction into the school’s Circle of Honor highlights his successful career.

Besides his love for athletics, Saake knew the value and importance of education. A longtime UH professor, he was head of the former Kinesiology and Leisure Science department. He was committed to not only making sure that the athletic department remains competitive with its peer schools, but also that students receive the education so critical to improving their lives.

Dennis Chai, PhD, a board member of the Saake Foundation, is a perfect example. He played for Saake on the basketball team and went on to

earn his PhD from the University of Southern California. Chai then returned home and became a professor in Saake’s department at UH.

“On behalf of the Saake Foundation, we are truly honored to be able to continue Dr. Saake’s legacy by helping student-athletes in reaching their educational goals,” said Bart Koza, member of the Saake Foundation board of directors.



Arthurs' gift honors their kids while funding STEM and creativity

Longtime Hawai'i Community College administrator Dr. Barbara Arthurs and husband Robert Arthurs have established two endowments in honor of their children, Leilani and Rob, both of whom are University of Hawai'i at Hilo alumni.

These endowments build on Arthurs' significant contributions to the Hawai'i Island community. She served the UH System for more than 20 years as a counselor, acting dean of student services, head counselor and most recently as the vice chancellor for student affairs at Hawai'i Community College.

A diligent and dedicated educator and administrator, Arthurs made it her life's mission and work to improve the university's educational system through student services. In recognition of her outstanding dedication, she received the 2010 Hawai'i Community College Chancellor's Award. Robert Arthurs was a consul and first secretary with the U.S. Department of State and is now retired.

In honor of their daughter, the Arthurs established the Leilani Arthurs STEM Endowed Scholarship. This fund supports UH Hilo students who are affiliated with Filipino culture, programs or studies, and who are majoring in the natural sciences, technology, pre-engineering or math.

The Rob Arthurs Endowed Scholarship honors the Arthurs' son. This fund supports UH Hilo students who are affiliated with Filipino culture, programs or studies, and who are majoring in art, the performing arts or philosophy.



Lecturer Paul Day reviews a map with Hawai'i Community College students in an oceanography class.

Supporting marine sciences at West Hawai'i

Thanks to an anonymous donor's \$50,000 gift, West Hawai'i Island students studying marine sciences at the new Hawai'i Community College – Pāalamanui campus will now have more scholarship support.

"We are very grateful for this generous endowed scholarship that will support West Hawai'i students engaged in the marine sciences," said Noreen Yamane, Hawai'i Community College chancellor. "It is critically important for us to move forward in marine sciences, as we educate and prepare students to be employed in an area that has such great impact on all of us who live on the Big Island."

"With the Pāalamanui campus now in place, we can lift West Hawai'i from having the lowest college going rate in the State of Hawai'i," said Marty Fletcher, EdD, director of Hawai'i Community College – Pāalamanui. "Our students are in critical need of scholarships to stay in college and continue their educational journey. Marine science is a driver of West Hawai'i's economy, and this scholarship will help our students be part of this momentum."

In September 2008, P.J. Wenner competed for the UH coed sailing team at the Pacific Coast Conference Sailing Men's Singlehanded Championships in San Diego, and took fifth place.



KEEPING P.J. WENNER'S LOVE OF SAILING *aloft*

In 2008, University of Hawai'i sophomore Peter McGonigle Wenner, otherwise known as P.J., was a member of the UH sailing team. During his time at UH he participated in several regattas, including a fifth-place showing at the Pacific Coast Conference Sailing Men's Singlehanded

Championships and a sixth-place showing at the Intercollegiate Sailing Association Sloop National Championship in Fort Worth, Texas.

Wenner died tragically on Nov. 8, 2008, at the age of 19 in a recreational boating accident, in which his sailboat capsized approximately two miles off the shores of Waikīkī.

"Peter represented everything good about being an athlete, sailor and student here at the University of Hawai'i," said Andy Johnson, UH Sailing head coach. "He was the heart and soul of our team, and we all miss him immensely."

Peter Michael Wenner and family and friends established the Peter McGonigle Wenner Memorial Endowment Fund in P.J.'s memory. This fund will support the UH Mānoa Athletics Sailing Program and ensure that Wenner's love of sailing will live on through others.



Hula Honeys turn up the music at UH Maui College

The future of a lucky music student at UH Maui College will glow a little brighter thanks to a \$3,000 contribution to the Emma Veary Scholarship fund by Robyn Kneubuhl and Ginger Johnson, otherwise known as the Hula Honeys. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates ability and promise in all types of music. The multi-year Emma Veary Scholarship, named after Robin Kneubuhl's mother, was established by a donor in California who had enjoyed listening to Veary's performances on the beach outside the Halekulani Hotel 40 years ago.

"Emma Veary continues to be a huge musical influence," said Johnson, part of the award-winning jazz duo. "After playing to packed crowds at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Redondo Beach and mar'sel restaurant, we saw how far that musical influence has reached. We wanted to help nurture the next generation of musicians the way Maui has nurtured our careers, so we decided to contribute part of the profits from that tour to the Emma Veary Scholarship."



L–R: Robyn Kneubuhl, Maile Montas, executive of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, and Ginger Johnson

Acobas' law scholarship to help public school grads

Hawai'i Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon Acoba Jr., JD, (retired) and his wife, Carolyn C. Acoba, endowed a scholarship at the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa to support students, preferably from a



public high school. The Acobas' gift is designed to help those who otherwise might find it difficult to pursue their dreams. Both are products of public school education, and they know how much tuition assistance can make a significant difference.

As a Farrington High graduate, Judge Acoba was the first in his family to go to college. "I attended the University of Hawai'i on a scholarship," he said, "and that really helped a great deal."

Carolyn Acoba is a Roosevelt High School gradu-

ate and attended UH as an undergraduate before earning a degree in linguistics from the University of California–Berkeley, and later a teaching degree from the UH Mānoa

College of Education. She spent her professional career as an elementary school teacher in Aina Haina and Niu Valley before retiring in 2007.

"We are deeply grateful to our graduates who give back to their alma mater," said UH Mānoa Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman, PhD.

"The Acobas are shining examples of alumni with roots in public schools who, in turn, are helping to realize the dreams of public high school graduates pursuing legal studies at our fine law school."

Maui culinary scholarship helps students stay focused

The Makana Aloha Foundation made a \$10,000 gift to fund a scholarship for a full-time student pursuing an Associate in Applied Science degree



UH Maui College culinary students Kristin Dougherty and Holden Camacho prepare a salad.

in the Culinary Arts program at UH Maui College. The award funds four semesters of tuition and fees, and will be awarded all at one time. It is the largest scholarship gift at UH Maui College.

“We wanted to make a profound impact in the life of a culinary student,” said Jami Burks, president of the Makana Aloha Foundation, “We decided to establish this two-year scholarship so that a talented culinary student can focus on school and successfully graduate without financial concerns.”

UH Maui College Chancellor Lui Hokoana, EdD, said, “Many students receive funding for their first year of school but not the subsequent ones, creating barriers to on-time graduation. This scholarship will make a big difference in the life of the scholarship recipient.”

Waterhouse Charitable Trust gives Athletics \$1 million

The University of Hawai‘i Athletics Department and Nā Koa Football Club received a multi-year gift in excess of \$1 million from the Waterhouse Charitable Trust, one of the largest in the department’s history. The multi-year gift will most notably support the football program in the areas of summer school, nutritional supplements and cost of attendance stipends.

“UH Athletics is thankful and indebted for the tremendous support from the Waterhouse Trust,” said UH Mānoa Athletics Director David Matlin. “Their generosity and vision have enabled us to address the Cost of Attendance initiative, which will benefit student-athletes. As a founding member of Nā Koa, Alec Waterhouse was one of the Rainbow Warriors’ biggest fans, and this generous donation will support both the football program he loved and all our student-athletes.”



“Alec Waterhouse loved UH football and established the Waterhouse Charitable Trust as a way to continue his support of his beloved sport,” said Waterhouse trustee Stan Mukai. “I believe Alec would be pleased to know that the trust is directly helping student-athletes have an even better experience at UH and also increasing UH’s ability to compete at the highest levels.”



60 YEARS OF

influential programs

UH programs across our state are meeting the growing demands and opportunities of our fast-paced world. “Ambitious” and “visionary” are words that capture the spirit of the 60th anniversary donors who support programs that inspire students to reach their full potential. From the \$100 million lifetime commitment of Jay H. Shidler to gifts by forward-thinking organizations like HMSA, the Ford Foundation and the Underwriters Association, donors are key to successfully supporting programs that will help students excel for the next 60 years and beyond.



Jay H. Shidler

THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING EXCELLENCE



L–R: Shidler College of Business’ Maile Au, UH Foundation director of alumni relations; Vance Roley, PhD, dean; eponymous donor Jay H. Shidler; and Unyong Nakata, UH Foundation senior director of development

Jay H. Shidler (BBA ’68 Mānoa), made University of Hawai’i history with an irrevocable commitment to the UH Mānoa Shidler College of Business that now totals \$100 million.

The former College of Business Administration was named after Shidler in 2006, when he donated \$25 million. He later quietly added another \$6 million. On Oct. 20, 2014, Shidler increased his commitment to donate an additional \$69 million over his lifetime and through his estate. This is the largest gift to UH by a single donor in the institution’s 108-year history.

Vance Roley, PhD, dean of the Shidler College of Business, said Shidler’s donation will solidify the college’s reputation as one of the best business schools in the country. “This generous, reputation-building gift will enable us to continue to attract top talent, both students and faculty,

while improving our graduate and undergraduate business programs,” Roley said. “It will be used to support additional scholarships and professorship endowments, and build on the significant progress the college has made as a result of Mr. Shidler’s original gift.”

Shidler was encouraged by the college’s achievements since his first gift and wanted to ensure that progress continued. “I’m proud of what the college has been able to achieve over the past eight years in elevating its programs and securing its place among the top-ranked business schools,” Shidler said.

“I know firsthand the impact the college has on emerging business men and women, and I am committed to do what I can so that Hawai’i continues to have a strong business school that will allow future generations of leaders to excel.”

Energizing innovation and entrepreneurship at Shidler College of Business

The Shidler College of Business Alumni Association committed \$100,000 to their alma mater's Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE) toward the \$3 million PACE Pitch Initiative campaign. This gift will support entrepreneurial education at the Shidler College of Business and help UH monetize research efforts. In recognition of this gift, the bull pen at the renovated home of PACE will be named in the alumni association's honor.

"The association's generous investment in the entrepreneurial education of students in the UH PACE program will enable us to reach more students and faculty with our programs," said Susan Yamada, PACE executive director.

"PACE's goal is to create more entrepreneurial thinkers; our graduates will be poised to accept the challenges of an ever-changing world."



L-R: Jared Au, BBA '03, MAcc '04; Heather Miyasato, BBA '07; Vance Roley, PhD, dean, Shidler College of Business; Lillian Rodolfich, BBA '87, MBA '05; Susan Yamada, BBA '82, PACE executive director; Kirk Horiuchi, BBA '87; Unyong Nakata, BS '00, MBA '05; and Maile Au, MBA '06



L-R: Clayton Arakawa, Dr. Marty Fletcher, Dr. Jean Hull, Paul Heerlein, Noreen Yamane & Cordy MacLaughlin

Providing ingredients for culinary success

The American Culinary Federation (ACF) Kona Kohala Chefs Association of Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, donated \$245,000 to establish the ACF Kona Kohala Chefs Association & Jean Hull, CCE, AAC Culinary Endowment. This fund will support the growing culinary program at the Hawai'i Community College – Pālanuanui campus.

"This generous endowment will ensure that we can acquire and maintain the state-of-the-art kitchen equipment necessary to provide a first-class educational experience for our students," said Dr. Marty Fletcher, Hawai'i CC – Pālanuanui director. "In addition, this endowment will also help finance culinary competitions, visiting guest chefs, special events and more, making dreams come true for many of our students and faculty."

Fundraising for the program gained momentum when Jean Hull, CCE, AAC, former Hawai'i CC – Pālanuanui culinary program associate professor and board member of ACF Kona Kohala Chefs Association, joined forces with Jim Lightner, director of hospitality at Hawai'i CC – Pālanuanui, to organize the 'Equip the Kitchens Campaign at Pālanuanui.' This campaign raised \$100,000 of the \$245,000 gift.

Building professional support for School of Architecture

In September 2014, leaders in the architecture community launched an effort to raise \$200,000 to support the UH Mānoa School of Architecture on the occasion of the arrival of a new dean, Daniel Friedman, PhD, FAIA. Together with Dean Friedman, they created the Architecture Advancement Fund. The campaign met its goal thanks to the generosity of fellow architects, architectural firms, alumni, and generous leaders throughout Hawai'i's building industry. The new fund supports school communications and curricular enrichment, including distinguished international guest lecturers, special exhibitions, and improved instructional technologies in the studio, the computer lab, the fabrications shop, and more.



Assistant Professor Wendy Meguro (left) with DArch students Noelle Yempuku and Juliann Chen, looking at a model.

Friedman said, "It's deeply inspiring to see alumni and professional leaders work together to support a school that helped set the course for so many outstanding careers. Thanks to the generosity of these gifted leaders, we have launched new initiatives that will help us achieve the full potential of our school."

Underwriters fund risk management program at UHWO

Thanks to the Underwriters Association of Hawaii, UH West O'ahu has an additional \$11,375 to apply toward its unique Risk Management and Insurance certificate program. The money was raised during the underwriters' annual golf tournament at Hoakalei Country Club in Ewa Beach in summer 2014.



L-R: Tricia Matsukawa, Reid Higashi, Dr. Judy Oliveira, Lauren Aoki, Dr. Eun Ahn and Ryan Kawamoto

port other program needs.

"We are truly grateful for the continued support from the Underwriters Association of Hawaii that allows UH West O'ahu to offer scholarships to our Risk Management and Insurance students," said UH West O'ahu Chancellor Rockne Freitas, EdD. "As the only

university in the state to offer a Risk Management and Insurance certificate program, together with our insurance industry partners, UH West O'ahu prepares students to pursue insurance careers that are in high demand, locally and nationally."

HMSA

CONTRIBUTING TO A HEALTHIER HAWAI‘I

This year, HMSA and HMSA Foundation contributed more than \$365,000 to support University of Hawai‘i programs statewide, from healthy aging initiatives to health and wellness programs in our communities.

One example is the \$79,000 grant to support UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene Master’s Entry Program in Nursing clinical placements over the next three years.

“Nurse practitioners (also known as advanced practice registered nurses, or APRNs) are in high demand in Hawai‘i. By providing care in health centers, retail clinics, hospitals and long-term care settings, APRNs ensure that all people have convenient access to high quality health care,” said UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene Dean Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN. “Awards like these recognize the outstanding education provided at UH Mānoa Nursing and greatly advance our efforts on all the islands.”

Clinical practicums are an essential component of nursing students’ educational preparation.



UH Mānoa Nursing student ambassadors

Practicum experiences provide students with opportunities for hands-on, direct patient care under the supervision of qualified clinicians.

UH Mānoa Nursing’s clinical enhancement program partners with health care providers to offer supervised clinical training to prepare students through real-world experiences. Several clinical practicum sites serve rural and underserved populations and support public health initiatives.

MCAA: A passion for providing student opportunities



Leona Wilson (left) and Marseu Simpson (right) present the MCAA donation to UH Maui College Chancellor Lui K. Hokoana (center).

The Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) donated \$5,000 to the scholarship fund at the University of Hawai‘i Maui College as part of its ongoing effort to give back to local communities and foster students’ pursuit of higher education.

“MCAA is a national trade association that greatly appreciates the value of education and training,” said MCAA CEO John R. Gentile.

“Higher education is the infrastructure for building better lives, and we’re excited to play a part in that.”



As part of the College of Engineering summer internship program, high school interns visited Hawaiian Electric's Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station in West O'ahu for a tour of the company's 110 megawatt generator fueled exclusively with sustainable biodiesel.

Aspiring high school engineers intern with professionals

During summer 2015, while most students were at the beach, 19 gifted Hawai'i high school students participated in a UH Mānoa College of Engineering summer high school internship program, in which they received hands-on learning and mentorship from engineering professionals and academics.

The interns developed an understanding of the professional environments found in engineering by participating in exclusive industry site visits to offices, stations, hangars and refineries otherwise restricted to the general public. They also attended workshops, met with executives and practiced what they learned.

The interns put these experiences to practice in

the College of Engineering labs, where each student was assigned a faculty mentor and received assignments to work alongside graduate students on research tasks specific to their chosen engineering specialty.

Hawaiian Electric Companies sponsor the summer internship program and Engineering Student Ambassador Program through a \$15,000 grant.

"Such programs are critical to promoting STEM education, providing valuable hands-on learning experiences and reaching students in local communities," said Scott Seu, Hawaiian Electric vice president of system operation, who also serves on the UH Mānoa College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Council.

Ford Foundation

SAVING 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Ford Foundation awarded \$190,000 to support Hawaiian language revitalization at the UH Hilo College of Hawaiian Language, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, and through the Mauiakama and Niulahiki projects.

"We are grateful to the Ford Foundation for the opportunity to bring together significant work of three important colleagues in preserving the Hawaiian language," said Keiki Kawai'ae'a, director of UH Hilo's Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani program.

Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani is renowned for its language revitalization success at a time when indigenous languages are dying world-wide. The college's mission is to seek the revitalization of the Hawaiian language and culture and to aid other indigenous peoples who wish to revitalize their own endangered languages and cultures.

Larry Kimura, PhD, of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani is developing a digital library of Native Hawaiian audio speech behavior samples to promote native-like language acquisition for Hawaiian second-language learners.

"This grant will enable a start in editing more than 550 hours of audio interview recordings that I documented from among Hawai'i's last fluent native Hawaiian speakers over a 16-year period from 1972 to 1988," said Kimura.

"The editing process will render a more pragmatic electronic library of audio selections that will be invaluable in teaching Hawaiian language and culture classes."

Mauiakama, a project of Dr. Kapā Oliveira of UH Mānoa's Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language and Kahele Dukelow and Kaleikoa



Ford Foundation Senior Program Officer Roberta Uno (center with lei) visited Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani at University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Ka'eo of UH Maui College, seeks to increase participants' Hawaiian language proficiency and engagement by exposing them to traditional Hawaiian sustainability practices.

Students learn through hands-on place-based fishing, farming and food preparation, and by engaging in conversations with native speakers of Hawaiian. The program teaches key Hawaiian studies concepts and the significance of Hawaiian cultural sites throughout the island of Maui.

Niulahiki, a collaborative project between UH Hilo and 'Alika McNicoll of 'Aha Pūnana Leo, is creating content for 40 e-books in addition to designing and producing printed books for participating Ka Haka 'Ula students. The Niulahiki program extends its language program throughout the world via distance learning.

BUILDING THE TEAM TO ENHANCE

Alumni Relations

“There are more than 280,000 UH System alumni in Hawai‘i and around the world. By nurturing relationships with our alumni, we enrich our campuses and foster deeper relationships between alumni themselves and with UH,” said Donna Vuchinich, UH Foundation president and CEO. Our alumni are important stakeholders in the mission, history and future of the University of Hawai‘i. In an effort to build deeper relationships

and support our alumni throughout their lifelong learning journey, the UH Foundation is actively enhancing its alumni relations team.

The team is working to enrich the alumni experience through service/volunteer opportunities, professional development/career services, recognizing our alumni and celebrating their successes, and meaningful lifelong learning opportunities on UH campuses.



UH Hilo engages alumni “EdVenture” seekers on the Big Island

UH Hilo’s Outdoor EdVenture program makes use of the awesome natural, living laboratory that is Hawai‘i Island to engage and educate alumni and the community. The program showcases campus programs not accessible to the general public that provide access to applied learning experiences in outdoor classrooms.

Alumni have had the unique opportunity to witness UH faculty mist netting and bird banding in a controlled-access forest to preserve and identify the native Hawaiian ‘Iwi and ‘Apapane birds. EdVenturers have visited alumni-owned farms, explored new campus programs, and learned from faculty about their research, conservation efforts and the opportunity to participate in various voluntary roles.

To find upcoming activities for the spring 2016 semester, visit hilo.hawaii.edu/rec/center/documents/OutdoorSpring2016-PDF.pdf.

UH Mānoa alumni & leaders, Hawaiʻinuiākea gather for lūʻau near L.A.



Gardena, California. More than 85 alumni attended the gathering at Bob's Hawaiian Restaurant to meet with UH Mānoa leaders, including Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman, Hawaiʻinuiākea Dean Maenette Benham, UH Outreach College Dean William Chismar and College of Arts & Humanities Dean Peter

UH Mānoa alumni were treated to Hawaiian knowledge sharing, performances and cultural engagement from the Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge on July 18, 2015, in

Arnade. Alumni at the event said they loved learning more about Hawaiian culture, as well as connecting with other alumni and hearing about current students' stories.

UH Mānoa alumni hear prominent alumni speakers in Washington, D.C.

UH Mānoa alumni demonstrated a strong and powerful network in Washington, D.C., on July 9, 2015, at Johnny's Half Shell. More than 70 alumni gathered to hear speakers Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng (BA '94, PhD '06), director of community outreach and global learning at the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution; Jennifer Sabas (BA '83), owner of Kaimana Hila and director of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute Fund, and Sean Callahan (BA '11), deputy chief of staff for Congressman Mark Takai (BA '90, MPH '93). The event gave guests an opportunity to meet fellow UH Mānoa alumni in the area. Alumni who attended the event commented that they enjoyed meeting new people, networking, having great conversations and the "yummy food."



L–R: U.S. Congressman Mark Takai, UH Mānoa College of Social Sciences Dean Dr. Denise Eby Konan, Sean Callahan, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng and Jennifer Sabas

AKA: A partner in supporting UHM student-athletes

For nearly 50 years, 'Ahahui Koa Ānuenu (AKA), through the vision of former Hawai'i Governor John A. Burns, has fostered and encouraged state pride, including a strong belief in University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Athletics.

AKA is responsible for the Athletics Department's premium seating and parking program, as well as organizational oversight for all Athletics Booster Clubs. The non-profit has also been charged with finding new revenue-generating opportunities on campus to benefit athletics programs.

"With limited public funds available, AKA is exploring ways to enhance our current programs and

seek new opportunities to increase support for our student-athletes and the UH Mānoa Athletics Department," said AKA President Jon Kobayashi (at right).



2015 AKA & Booster Clubs Funds Raised

'Ahahui Koa Ānuenu	\$1,725,838
Funds raised from package and season ticket sales, and parking	
Booster Clubs	\$1,277,159

Athletics taught Sista Palakiko how to do the job right

Sista Palakiko, once a libero for the Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team, now works for the State of Hawai'i Public Safety Division as a case manager. Palakiko said that the lessons she learned while being part of a three-time championship team have helped her succeed in her career.

In 1979 Palakiko walked onto the Rainbow Wahine Volleyball team. All of her hard work and perseverance paid off when the team ended up winning the Association for Intercollegiate Ath-



letics for Women championship that year.

Palakiko received a full scholarship after her first season at UH. She said, "If it weren't for my scholarship from AKA, I would not have received a quality education. Being a student-athlete opened many doors for me."

In '82 and '83, Palakiko led her team to two championships at the NCAA level. "Winning was obviously one of my best memories as an athlete, but the lessons learned have also stuck with me today," Palakiko said.

As an athlete, she learned perseverance and diligence. It helped her develop a commitment to doing the job the right way, the first time.

"As a case manager, I work with inmates on a daily basis and most of what I do is confidential," Palakiko said. "Preparing for work every day is similar to preparing for my matches as an athlete. I focus on completing my tasks with good intentions and leading by example. If I do my job right then others will also," she said.



60 YEARS OF

caring for the ‘āina

Just as the world's five oceans are now seen as one global ocean, gifts to the UH Foundation create a sea of educational opportunities that flow from high school through graduate areas of study. Generous support from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, Kamehameha Schools and the Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation addresses real world problems that will become even more critical in the next six decades.

This support helps expand the vibrant work the University of Hawai'i is doing to promote natural resource conservation. One way UH is helping build a more sustainable future is through innovative programs that provide students with the skills, confidence and experience needed to help them become diverse, career-ready scientists equipped to tackle the earth, ocean and environmental issues affecting Hawai'i and our world.

Hau'oli Mau Loa FOUNDATION

From training the environmental leaders of tomorrow to helping prevent invasive species, the partnership between Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation and UH is making a difference.

Guardians to protect Hawai'i

One way Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation partners with UH to protect Hawai'i's environment is by funding Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) initiatives. CGAPS is a project of UH's Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. It was formed in 1995 to bring agencies and organizations together to close the gaps in Hawai'i's invasive species programs in the areas of prevention, early detection/rapid response, and long-term control of harmful terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

CGAPS projects receiving funding include:

- **Science meets law:** Legal Fellowship Program. Hawai'i has a complex set of laws, rules, and authorities that we rely on to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species. Thanks to Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation, William S. Richardson School of Law and CGAPS are partnering to support Legal Fellows to aid in the creation of better policies to protect Hawai'i's fragile environment.
- **Detector dogs:** Alien pests like the little fire ant pose a significant threat to agriculture, the environment, and the health of people and animals. They are widely established on the Big Island, leaving the rest of the state at permanent risk. Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation is helping fund a collaborative pilot project between UH partners on Maui and O'ahu and the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to develop and run a little fire ant detector dog program on O'ahu. Quarantine professionals in Australia have proved that dogs are extremely effective at detecting the ants, and that it can be done in an efficient and safe manner.



Little fire ants on half of a chopstick baited with peanut butter. Photo credit: Lori Oberhofer/U.S.D.A. National Wildlife Research Center

Graduate assistantships

Since 2012 Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation has provided more than \$1.6 million to fund graduate assistantships at UH Hilo and UH Mānoa to increase the number of qualified Hawai'i students and professionals pursuing environmental resource management careers.

In FY2015 Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation provided funding to support two-year graduate assistantships for students pursuing master's degrees at UH Mānoa (College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resource's Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Management, College of Natural Sciences, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology) and UH Hilo (Department of Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science). These graduate assistantships provide a unique opportunity for students to obtain advanced training and conduct graduate research on topics related to Hawai'i's extraordinary biological, physical and cultural diversity.

Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science

By supporting the Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science (PIPES) summer undergraduate internship programs at UH Hilo, Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation is helping undergraduate students, especially Native Hawaiian and other kama'āina students in the sciences, pursue their dreams. The program works with many partners to provide internship opportunities with agencies and organizations responsible for research, resource management, and education relating to environmental issues in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific.



Kamehameha Schools

C-MORE SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT UH MĀNOA



Since 2013 Kamehameha Schools (KS) has been supporting the Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) Scholars program. This program provides hands-on, paid research experiences for full-time undergraduate students who are interested in ocean and earth science-related careers.

Students from all UH campuses, especially underrepresented students such as Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, are encouraged to apply.

KS support helps fund research, professional development and interisland trips so students from campuses statewide can actively participate.

C-MORE is a National Science Foundation-sponsored Science and Technology Center based at UH Mānoa. Its mission is to educate and train a diverse population of educators and students in microbial oceanography and related fields.

C-MORE scholars receive guidance from a mentor who is an ocean or earth scientist. Based on the cohort model, the program establishes a strong pathway (trainee, intern, fellow) for students to follow as they progress through their undergraduate career.



Harold K.L. Castle FOUNDATION

Researchers track flow of fish around Hawaiian islands

Experienced fishermen know adult fish may move great distances, yet few know about larval dispersal during the early life of fish: the location of spawning, currents in which the developing larvae drift, and settlement of tiny recruits to reefs.

By tracking and mapping reef fish using new genetic approaches and educating the community, UH Mānoa Department of Biology and Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology researchers are helping the people of Hawai'i become engaged and educated on the sources of their seafood.

The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation awarded more than \$150,000 to support this effort. Through projects like the fish flow collaborative research project, the next generation of marine fisheries and conservation biologists will be trained in the latest scientific methods applied to coral reef fisheries in Hawai'i, helping fisheries' sustainability.

Hawai'i high school students gain research experience in marine science

To encourage more of our local high school graduates entering STEM related disciplines, Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology provides the Research Experiences in Marine Science (REMS) program, an intensive summer bridge program for Hawai'i public high school students.

Supported by \$25,000 from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, the goal is to develop a pipeline of students as future science majors within the UH Mānoa undergraduate programs.

The program takes place in the teaching facilities at Moku o Lo'e in Kāne'ohe Bay and benefits from the expertise of Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology researchers, whose specialties demonstrate how human impacts and global change affect coral reef ecosystems. Students gain valuable skills in science literacy and communication, teamwork, leadership and mentoring.



60 YEARS OF

advancing human knowledge

Amid our daily tasks, it's easy to forget the fragility of life. Many of this year's donations celebrate our ability to live each day to its fullest by funding pioneering medical research and helping us grasp the enormity of our universe. Our 60th anniversary class of research donors includes the Kosasa family; JABSOM Professor Emerita Santosh Sharma, MD; UH Foundation employee Alison Brown-Carvalho, and four 4th-graders whose donations honor beloved relatives who are cancer-free and thriving.

Photo credit: ESA/Hubble, NASA, HST Frontier Fields. Acknowledgement: Mathilde Jauzac (Durham University, UK and Astrophysics @ Cosmology Research Unit, South Africa) and Jean-Paul Kneib (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland).

Baking to battle breast cancer

Four Punahou fourth-graders are funding breast cancer research in Hawai'i in honor of relatives who have battled the disease, and their \$760

donation makes them the youngest known donors to the UH Cancer Center. The students raised the money through a series of bake sales.

Kiyera Werny, Shaylee Ungos, Devyn Goo and Kendall Kirton, designated the money for breast cancer research because Kiyera's aunt and Devyn's great-grandmother are both breast cancer survivors. Sandra Shim (BBA '89 Mānoa), Werny's

aunt, is a pharmaceutical sales representative whose battle with breast cancer inspired the girls to choose cancer research for their philanthropy.

"It was super-duper scary, but luckily Auntie Sandra is very strong and brave, and fought the cancer. And now she is cancer free!" said Werny. Goo's great-grandmother, Mildred Goo, is a 19-year survivor of breast cancer.



L-R: Kendall Kirton, Devyn Goo, Kiyera Werny and Shaylee Ungos hard at work baking to raise money for cancer research.

Professor Tully's gift helps to bring the stars to UH

UH Institute for Astronomy (IfA) researcher R. Brent Tully, PhD, (at right) made world news when he identified the full extent of our home supercluster of 100,000 galaxies and named it "Laniākea." The recipient of numerous prestigious astronomical awards, he has chosen to build on IfA's global prominence by using \$264,000 of his prize money to establish the R. Brent Tully Distinguished Visitors Endowed Fund for the Institute for Astronomy.

"Science advances through interactions between researchers," said IfA Director Günther Hasinger, PhD. "This fund will facilitate visits by researchers, from students to senior astronomers, to IfA. While Hawai'i offers astronomers important research opportunities because of the strength of IfA and the world-class observing facilities on Mauna Kea and Haleakalā, our geographic isolation can pose financial challenges. This fund will address these barriers and help further the cross-pollination of ideas so vital for innovation."

Tully earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the universities of British Columbia and Maryland. ▶



After travelling abroad, he settled in France for two years as a postdoctoral fellow. It was during that period that he was involved in the publication of what became known as the “Tully-Fisher Relation,” a method for determining the distances to galaxies, and thus the scale and age of the universe. Immediately afterward Tully joined UH, where he has built his career over 40 years.

“Some of the most exciting, energizing times in science arise when colleagues meet face-to-face,” said Tully. “It is easy to get people to come to Hawai‘i, both for our facilities and the natural bounty, when the financial burden is not too great. If I help people from around the world to talk to each other then I am content.”

MOVING FROM HEARTBREAK *to healing*

Alison Brown-Carvalho lost her husband William Brown to pancreatic cancer after 16 years of marriage. A few years later she lost her mother, Janet (Ikeda) Shitabata, to stomach cancer.

As a result, Brown-Carvalho made a career change and joined UH Foundation’s development office at the UH Cancer Center, determined to do her part to eradicate cancer. She raised \$50,000 from family members and donated it for pancreatic cancer research at the UH Cancer Center.

The donation is paying for a study aimed at detecting pancreatic cancer at earlier stages in order to give people a greater chance of surviving the highly lethal cancer.

“I never thought we could fund an entire research project. I was under the impression that hundreds of thousands of dollars were needed for even the smallest of projects. It is so rewarding to know our family donation for this research could possibly

make a huge impact on improving the detection of pancreatic cancer,” Brown-Carvalho said.

The research supported by the donation is being conducted by Wei Jia, PhD, director of the Cancer Center’s Shared Resources Program and an expert in the field of metabolomics, which involves searching through the body’s metabolites for signs of disease, including cancer.

“Without the donation we would have to stop and try to get a grant,” Jia said. “The greatest issue for pancreatic cancer is that it has a poor survival rate. Once the person is diagnosed, he or she is usually in the late stage. It is a very aggressive disease, it develops fast. Early detection helps the patient’s prognosis improve.”

In recognition of their gift, a concrete marker with Brown’s and Shitabata’s names has been installed on the grounds of the Cancer Center in Kaka’ako, commemorating their lives and reminding the world of the emotional costs of cancer.





Celebrating the Kosasa Family and Dr. Sharma's gifts are (L-R) Dr. Ivica Zalud, Dr. Angela Pratt, Dr. Thomas Kosasa, Dr. Santosh Sharma, Dr. A. Roy Magnusson, Martha Smith and Dr. Kenneth Nakamura.

Kosasa family

CONTRIBUTING TO HEALTHY WOMEN & CHILDREN

Medical students, residents and faculty from the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) are involved in the deliveries of one-third of the babies born in Hawai'i every year, many of them high-risk births. Thanks to a \$5 million gift from the Kosasa family to the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, the program will be able to invest in its clinical training, research and faculty development.

The gift will create the \$4 million Kosasa Endowed Chair to support the department chair in perpetuity. Currently the chair of the department is Ivica Zalud, MD. The remaining \$1 million will create two Kosasa endowed professorships.

"This gift is a testament to the important role the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health plays in training our future

obstetricians, gynecologists and women's health specialists, and as importantly, in advancing the health of women, fetuses, infants and families in Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin," said JABSOM Dean Jerris Hedges, MD.

The Kosasas, who founded ABC Stores in 1964, are well-known for their philanthropic support of a variety of nonprofits across the state, and have been generous supporters of the University of Hawai'i and JABSOM.

"I think the students will understand that what is given to you, you should give back. I think the most important thing is to give back. I've had wonderful opportunities and education, and I'd like to give that back to our medical school and to our students," said Thomas Kosasa, MD, professor emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health.

Dr. Sharma honors her loving, encouraging parents

In recognition of all her parents did for her, Santosh Sharma, MD, has generously endowed the Lakshmi Devi and Devraj Sharma Chair in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the UH Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), where she is professor emerita.



Dr. Sharma's parents, Devraj Sharma (1900-1978) & Lakshmi Devi Sharma (1906-1999)

"My parents made every effort to encourage me to do whatever I wanted to do," remembers Sharma. There was no high school for girls in Kisumu where she grew up, so her father convinced the authorities to allow her to attend the boys' school, where she completed her high school education.

"When I finished my medical school, I came home. My mother was sitting there casually and said, 'You know you are very fortunate,' and I agreed," said Sharma. "And she said, 'You know you have loving parents. You always had love, always had food to eat. You always had a place

to sleep, and then you also had the opportunity to get an education. Just remember someone up there is watching you use those blessings. Don't forget that.' And I never have."

Sharma joined JABSOM in 1974 as an associate professor in the

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and was promoted to professor in 1978. She retired from the faculty at JABSOM on Dec. 30, 2005, after 31 years of service.

She hopes that the Lakshmi Devi and Devraj Sharma Chair will make it possible to recruit a physician, scientist or physician-scientist with strong research and teaching skills who can attract more funding to do more research, create opportunities to explore other areas in obstetrics and gynecology, gain greater prestige for JABSOM, and ultimately improve women's healthcare in Hawai'i.

Botany professor considers Hawai'i more than a home

Clifford W. Smith, PhD, retired UH Mānoa professor emeritus of botany, established the Clifford Smith Endowed Fellowship to assist graduate students who are pursuing a degree in botany at UH Mānoa's College of Natural Sciences in any aspect of lichen biology or evolution.

Smith, a dual citizen of Great Britain and the U.S., joined UH Mānoa in the early 1970s.

"When I first arrived in Hawai'i in January 1966, I did not have a laboratory to conduct experimental morphology studies, so I began going on field trips with graduate students," Smith said. "The result was that my academic interests changed

completely, in that I became interested in the lichens of Hawai'i, on which very little previous work had been done.

Smith knew he had found his home within 48 hours of arriving in Hawai'i. "The islands and the people gave me more than a home – they inspired me both intellectually and spiritually," he said. "Establishing the student research fellowship is my way of partially repaying this generosity."






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and beyond ...

For many Hawai'i high school graduates, a college education can seem as out of reach as the stars that shine in our night skies. For 60 years, donors like you have recognized these challenges and have committed your resources to opening doors to deserving students and faculty. As we plan for the next 60 years and beyond, we are grateful for your generosity and are committed to making sure your gift is well managed. As always, we look forward to your guidance and support.



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