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reservoir of
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DUK HEE LEE MURABAYASHI

Donor and two-term UH Foundation Trustee
(1997-2003 and 2008-present)



I received a tuition waiver when I attended UC Berkeley and have always been very aware of how important this type of support is.—*Duk Hee Lee Murabayashi*

Mrs. Murabayashi is a retired urban planner who has worked in private consulting and research, and for the state and city governments in Hawai‘i for 30 years. She has been responsible for all aspects of land use and environmental planning from conceptual development to implementation and administration. Additionally, she has directed and participated in visitor industry-related projects including community development plans for Jeju Province in Korea.

Deeply committed to Hawai‘i, her community activities have ranged from serving as the general vice chair for the Korean Centennial Committee to board member for the Honolulu Symphony. In 1990 the President of the Republic of Korea awarded Mrs. Murabayashi a Presidential Citation for outstanding contributions to the Hawai‘i Korean

Chamber of Commerce. Other recognitions include a Certificate of Appreciation from the Hawai‘i House of Representatives in 2003 and a Certificate for Humanitarian Efforts from the Honolulu City Council in 1998.

For the past 10 years, Mrs. Murabayashi has researched Korean immigration history in Hawai‘i and published four books in Korean and papers in English. In 2003, Mrs. Murabayashi taught “Koreans in Hawai‘i” at UH Mānoa and continues to lecture on the subject.

In addition to serving on community boards, teaching and writing, Mrs. Murabayashi is a generous philanthropist whose gifts to UH include scholarships to support students in engineering, nursing and social work.

“By establishing scholarships to help nursing and social work students, I hope students from diverse ethnic and linguistic backgrounds will come to UH and ultimately serve the people in our community. There are so many people from countries like Korea who live here and would benefit greatly by having access to services where their provider speaks their home language.”

UH Foundation News



Improving Oral Health for Native Hawaiian Families

The HMSA Foundation awarded \$100,000 to support the UH Maui College “Improving Oral Health for Native Hawaiian Prenatal Mothers and Children” project. The project gives UH Maui College students valuable hands-on service-learning experience while offering women and children oral health and blood pressure screenings and preventative dental care including dental cleanings, sealants, fluoride varnish, and referral for further treatment when necessary.

“It is well documented that early identification and treatment of oral health disease is a cost effective way to reduce school absences, emergency room visits, diseases like diabetes and hypertension, and the tragedy of preterm births. This program will screen hundreds of children and approximately 50 prenatal women,” said UH Maui College Allied Health Department Chair Nancy Johnson.

Nurturing Innovation

American Savings Bank was the title sponsor of the 2013 UH Business Plan Competition organized by the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE) at the UH Mānoa Shidler College of Business. This year’s winning team developed the business plan for SmarTummy, a first-of-its-kind accurate and reliable abdominal simulator designed to train medical, nursing and emergency medical service students in abdominal palpation exams.



L- R: Susan Yamada (PACE Executive Director), David Yarber, Larry Martin, John Salle, Vance Roley (Shidler College of Business Dean), Dr. Walton Shim, Patrick Oki (PKF Pacific Hawaii Managing Partner), Dr. Scott Miller, and Richard Wacker (American Savings Bank President & CEO)



Photo of the Pan-STARRS 1 telescope atop Haleakala, Maui by Rob Ratkowski. Photomontage by Karen Teramura using an image of the Trifid Nebula taken with this telescope.

The U.S. Congress cancellation of earmarks in 2011 left Pan-STARRS, one of Hawai‘i’s flagship programs, \$10M short of the funds needed to complete the historic 2-telescope system—and on the verge of folding. Thanks to an anonymous \$3M gift, Pan-STARRS will survive the cuts and continue astronomy research of global import.

The Pan-STARRS project is an innovative design for synchronized wide-field telescopes developed at the UH Institute for Astronomy. Since it became operational in 2010, the first telescope in the system, PS1, has discovered more than 345 near-Earth asteroids, including 29 that are potentially hazardous to Earth, as well as 19 previously unobserved comets.

The Institute for Astronomy (IfA) at UH Mānoa is building a second telescope, PS2, the second component to this landmark initiative. “Once PS2 is completed this year, the Pan-STARRS system will be by far the most powerful wide-field imaging system in existence,” said Dr. Nick Kaiser, principal investigator of Pan-STARRS at IfA. He continued, “This project involves multiple experts from around the globe and is critical to the science community’s ability to fully utilize new technology and tools being brought online.”

UH Foundation Vice President for Development Greg Willems added, “The donors saw this partnership as an

The \$3M gift will

- Support the construction activities of the Pan-STARRS project at IfA.
- Pay for salaries for Pan-STARRS staff, preserving science jobs in Hawai‘i.
- Bring new knowledge and support national security by bringing the world the most powerful wide-field imaging system.
- Help NASA track satellites and identify astronomical bodies that may affect our planet.

opportunity to help advance the research economy in Hawai‘i. The University of Hawai‘i is committed to doubling the research production of the University over the next decade. Critical to that plan is retaining and recruiting extraordinary talent. The Pan-STARRS team that had been assembled after years of strategic recruitment was at risk of being lost, and the donors recognized the need to preserve this team.”

IfA research has elicited global attention, and the Pan-STARRS project is building its international team and garnering support among colleagues in Canada and Australia.



Before receiving this generous gift, we were looking at having to lay our team off and halting the 2-telescope system.

Having already invested \$80M in this project, it would have been a tragedy to let this program die, especially since we are so close to finishing!

—Günther Hasinger, director of the UH Institute for Astronomy

Event photo galleries

Last year, UH Foundation raised more than \$17M for student support and awarded more than \$10M in student aid across the 10 UH campuses. Over the last ten years, donors contributed more than \$72M to help more than 23,000 UH students!

Celebrating UH Mānoa & UH System scholarships



Nearly 500 donors, students and members of the UH ‘ohana filled the Stan Sheriff Center arena to celebrate the impact private support makes in the lives of so many UH students.

Student Regent and scholarship recipient Jeffrey Acido brought tears to eyes as he shared how his immigrant parents both worked two jobs while he was growing up so that he would be able to go to college. He noted that every scholarship gives parents like his a chance to rest, a chance to spend more time with their children rather than leave them to work a second job.

Colonel Hal Jensen, a longtime donor to UH, spoke about the emotional rewards of giving during one’s lifetime, and



the deep sense of accomplishment he feels for having played a role in the success of his more than 130 scholarship recipients.

Watch Online

Donors are forever changing the lives of students at the University of Hawai‘i. Jeremy, Emily, Matthew and Eve are achieving their goals because of your support.



Diversity: Independently Together:
www.uhfoundation.org/ImpactVideos



Donor appreciation at Honolulu CC

At a special reception, Chancellor Erika Lacro thanked donors for the important role they play in providing students with access to a quality higher education, and the support they need to excel.

Scholarship recipient Alissa Huddy, who finds joy in “getting her hands greasy” and is working towards a career in automotive mechanics, shared her inspiring story.

Guests also heard from Ming Chi, a trustee of the Feng Yi Fong Foundation who shared the story of Feng Yi Fong who was inspired to give in memory of his mother, a single parent who worked multiple jobs to provide Fong with a good education.



Photos courtesy of Kaua'i Community College

Honoring Kaua'i CC students and donors

Donors and students enjoyed a beautiful pule by Molly Summers, art and humanities professor, followed by Chancellor Helen Cox's warm welcome.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James Dire announced this year's scholarship awards eliciting rounds of applause for the students and the donors who are helping fund access and opportunity. Two student scholarship recipients then

shared personal stories about how education is laying the path for a successful future. Donor Mary Williamson spoke about why she and her husband, Dr. Thomas "Binney" Williamson, funded a named scholarship to support students at Kaua'i CC. Mary also gave her recipient a small white door stop and said that 'while a scholarship will help open a door, the student needs to keep the door open.'



An evening with Kapi'olani CC scholarship donors

It has been very rewarding seeing this special stewardship event grow! This year more than 160 people came together to celebrate the donors who are funding scholarships for Kapi'olani CC students pursuing careers in diverse fields ranging from the allied health sciences to culinary arts.

Guests were moved by the video that introduced three women who are able to follow their dreams and fulfill their potential thanks to the support of scholarships.

Living up to their reputation as a premier dining spot, the Ka 'Ikena Laua'e Fine Dining restaurant instructors and students wowed guests with a dangerously delicious buffet dinner.

Watch Online

Donors have made a wonderful difference in the lives of students at Kapi'olani Community College. Druella, Jennifer and Shyanne speak openly about how the generosity of a few have transformed the lives of many.

Kapi'olani Community College - Scholarship Mahalo: www.uhfoundation.org/ImpactVideos



Protecting environment and Native Hawaiian culture

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\$460,000 awarded to Lamakū Na‘auao (Knowledge Torch)



Making pa‘akai (salt) on the island of Kaua‘i

The Detroit-based Kresge Foundation awarded \$460,000 to Lamakū Na‘auao (Knowledge Torch), a new UH Mānoa program that will build the capacity of the Native Hawaiian community to participate in decision-making in critical environmental and social issues.

Participants in the Lamakū Na‘auao project will receive training and policy tools designed to help them contribute to decisions involving island food security, renewable energy research, cultural practices, and the impacts of climate change. The project is spearheaded by Loli Aniaiu, Maka‘ala Aniaiu (LAMA), a program housed within the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge and the William S. Richardson School of Law.

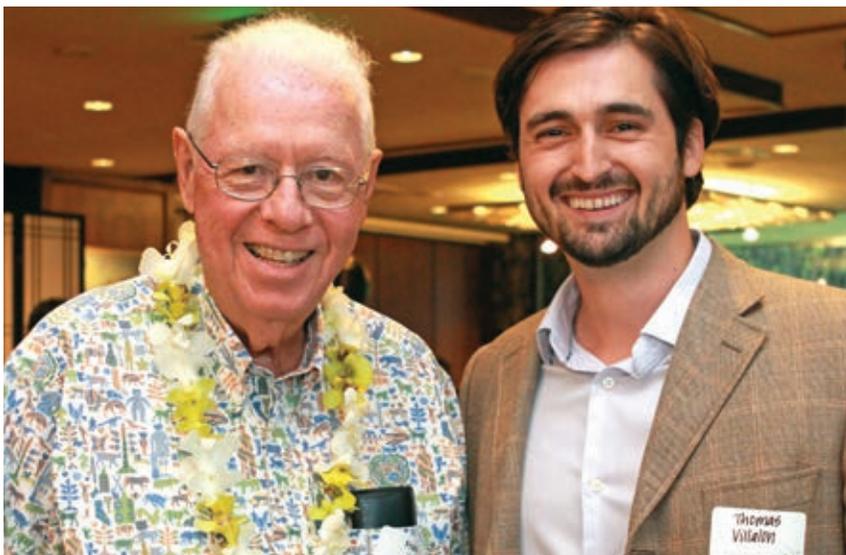
The core idea is that the Hawaiian community has a deep reservoir of knowledge that can benefit not only its own members but also the larger community.

The Lamakū Na‘auao project builds on the partnership between The Kresge Foundation and the Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy (ICAP), which gathered information about climate change adaptation strategies and practices that would be beneficial for the Native Hawaiian community and the State of Hawai‘i.

Director of Strategic Partnerships for LAMA Malia Nobrega-Olivera noted this effort is critical to creating a cohesive approach to addressing climate change issues. “It will enhance current partnerships and expand LAMA’s reach to new collaborators to create and implement innovative models of climate resiliency for the Islands,” she said.

Funding from the Kresge Foundation will help LAMA:

- Hire qualified staff.
- Develop the Kilo Honua (earth observers) curriculum and distribute it to Native Hawaiian communities and the general public through workshops. The workshops will offer a human rights-based approach to enhancing food security, renewable energy development, and traditional knowledge from a local, national, and Pacific perspective.
- Design and publish a briefing sheet that evaluates existing laws and policies around traditional knowledge relevant to Hawai‘i and offers recommendations that recognize the rights of Native Hawaiians to their traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, and art forms as well as natural and biological resources.
- Create a website and via community television and social media provide Hawai‘i’s communities with information to inform dialogue with local, state, and national policymakers about climate change, renewable energy, food security, and traditional knowledge.



*Frank Boas enjoying the company of the 2012 recipient of the Frank Boas Award—
Thomas Villalon ('13)*

Remembering FRANK BOAS

Philanthropist, former UH Foundation trustee, successful lawyer and global citizen Frank Boas passed away in March. He was one of the University of Hawai'i's most ardent supporters. Through his philanthropic legacy that includes generous estate gifts, his life will be honored for generations to come.

Frank was born in the Netherlands in 1930 and immigrated to the United States with his parents when he was 11 years old. He graduated with his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University. After Harvard and service in the U.S. Army, Frank served as an advisor to the State Department and opened a successful international business law practice in Belgium. He retired to Hawai'i in the late 1980s and was extraordinarily active in a wide range of educational, community, art, and international efforts.

Frank's philanthropic impact at UH includes:

- Funding the Frank Boas Award, an annual cash award given to the law student with the best Second Year Seminar (SYS) research paper on a subject relating to a Pacific Asian topic.
- Sponsoring the Frank Boas Harvard Visiting Professor each year during the Law School's January term. Through Frank's generosity, the law school and the community at large were given a chance to learn from and get to know world-renowned scholars and professors from Harvard Law School. Past Frank Boas Harvard Visiting Professors

included experts in politics and society, American legal history, race and equality, and constitutional law, among others.

- Supporting Business Night at the Shidler College of Business, and graduate scholarships in International Business.

Frank was a truly extraordinary man. We are most grateful to him for the lasting impact he will make through his generosity.

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The IRA charitable rollover is back for 2013!

Donors age 70½ or older are once again eligible to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law is set to expire on December 31, 2013.



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Summer school scholarships help Warriors succeed



Congratulations to the Warriors who graduated in Spring 2012

Waterhouse Charitable Trust awarded \$150,000 to support the UH Warrior Football Summer School Scholarship program which funds summer school session costs including fees, tuition, housing and meals.

The UH Warrior Football Summer School Scholarship program helps student-athletes succeed academically and on the field. The NCAA has eligibility requirements for incoming freshmen and current student-athletes requiring performance levels in core courses as well as minimum credit hours. Summer school enables players to keep on track to reach their number one goal of graduating from college while allowing them to meet NCAA requirements and remain eligible to play.

“The UH Warrior Football Summer School Scholarship Program is especially important to students majoring in the sciences who may not be able to complete difficult lab courses during the busy season when they are frequently traveling,” said Football Coach Norman Chow. “The program also allows transfer students an opportunity to catch up and make progress toward their degree.” Chow concluded, “For incoming freshmen the summer school program is key to helping students make a smooth transition from high school to college, and ease into the demanding life of a collegiate athlete.”

The UH Warrior Football Program enriches our community, and we are very pleased to be able to support the players in this important way.

—Stanley Mukai

“I’d like to thank my team at Waterhouse—Carrie Wong, Sam Cooke, Mike Irish, Allan Kitagawa and Bob Sasaki — for all the work they do to help us make meaningful philanthropic investments in our community,” said Waterhouse, Inc. Chairman Stanley Mukai.