

# Alumni Notes

## Alumni Notes Policy

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After graduation, Norma Robinson '41 Koch and Jayne Shaefer '41 Vanzant Polliard attended the Zweegman's School for Medical Secretaries in San Francisco.

## Class of 1937

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**85<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
JUNE 6 - 12, 2022

## Class of 1941

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We were delighted to learn that **Jayne Shaefer Vanzant Polliard** is hale and hearty and living in Colorado Springs. Jayne's daughter, Leslie, wrote that 97-year-old Jayne continues to be self-sufficient, determined, happy and still living on her own. She is proud to have been the mother of eight children, and blessed to know each of her 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and her four "great-greats," as she calls the little ones.

In 1941, Jayne's classmates wrote that "Dependable Jayne" had a keen mind and a capacity to give solace to others, so it was not a surprise to learn that Jayne enrolled in college at age 64 and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs exactly 50 years after graduating from Punahou. Before Jayne enrolled in college, she was already professionally renowned for creating new family-centered, medical-care realities within the Colorado Springs community. She founded several organizations that addressed husbands in delivery rooms, rooming-in for newborns in the hospitals, successful breastfeeding instruction and family inclusion in pediatric hospitalizations. She created two support groups, the March of Dimes Cleft Lip/Palate Parent Support Group and Phobia Free, an agoraphobia support organization.

After high school, Jayne sailed to San Francisco, and was attending Zweegman's School for Medical Secretaries when World War II broke out. Her good friend and classmate, **Norma Robinson Koch**, was in San Francisco in the early war years, too. They kept each other company on the streets of San Francisco.

Many thanks to Jayne's daughter, Leslie, for these tales of her mother's life. We could fill an entire Bulletin with her exploits from Tianjin, China, to the Panama Canal. Perhaps we can include more of Jayne's life in future Class of '41 notes.

On a sadder note, Punahou learned from his family that **Irwin "Bud" Spalding** passed away on May 20, 2021, at his home in Camden, Maine. Bud was a fifth-generation descendent of Josiah Spalding, a ship's captain who arrived in Honolulu in 1840. In 1941, Bud's classmates wrote that he was a quiet, hard-working student, who managed the Oahuan and the football team. In his spare time, he would fix up his "junk" car, or someone else's "junk" car.

Bud was at Harvard University when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and left college to serve in the U.S. Army. He returned to Harvard after the war, and got his engineering degree. He may have gone back to his beloved Hawai'i after that, but fate intervened. In October 1950, in Camden, Maine, Bud attended the wedding of a classmate and met the love of his life – Sonia Allen of Philadelphia, who was a friend of the bride. They married a year later.

Bud and Sonia lived in Wayland, Massachusetts, for 40 years and raised five children. Many summer and winter vacations were spent in Maine, sailing and sledding. Bud may have spent his adulthood on the East Coast, but he treasured his roots in Hawai'i and maintained his commitment to the preservation of the 'āina. When Bud and Sonia retired and settled in Camden, he volunteered for the Coastal Mountains Land Trust and Merryspring Nature Center, and supported the Island Institute, Maine Island Trail Association and Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

Bud is survived by his wife, Sonia; sons, Curtis (Jody) and Andrew (partner, Casey); daughters, Barbara and Amy (Randall); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his niece and nephew, **Lee Boynton '60** Hoxie and **Peter Boynton '67**. Bud was predeceased by his beloved sister, **Elizabeth "Butter" Spalding '35** Boynton. A hui hou, Bud Spalding.

**Class of 1942**

**80<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
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June 11 is the Hawai'i holiday that was selected by King Kamehameha V (Lot) to celebrate the birth of his grandfather, King Kamehameha I. June 11 is also typically near Punahou School graduation and other on-campus alumni Reunion events. However, June 11, 2021, just as in 2020, found the pandemic rules restricting campus events to virtual gatherings. This did not deter several of the featured Reunion Classes, such as 1946, for which it was our 75th, and for 1971, their significant 50th, from planning their own individual events to celebrate their respective Class Reunions.

In view of the dwindling numbers of our Class survivors, any celebration of our 75th was bound to be modest. In fact, only a very few classmates accepted this author's Punahou Alumni Bulletin invitation to a luncheon at Waialae Country Club on June 11, 2021. Pictured are the hardy five. However, in luncheon planning, this author had the pleasure of talking to more classmates, or about them with their family members, who could not attend for health reasons: **Betsy Church King, Bea Yamasaki, Peter Nottage, Duncan Carter, Ken Hanson, Koon Yoy Ching, Ed Sorenson, Ed "Bud" Schoen, Gail Caricof Potter, Jim Rodrigues, Bob Martin, Steele Stewart, Joanne Hogg Loomis, Peter Wilson and Julia Sia** Ing. Healthy, but not in Hawai'i, were **Tom Carpenter and Kapi'olani "Tiny" Kawānanakoa** Marignoli. We graduated 125 in June 1946, and I now know there are at least these 22 survivors. If there are more of you '46ers out there, please get in touch.

Fred Brossy in memory of his late wife and our classmate, **Frannie Kay Brossy**, generously provided gorgeous ginger lei for all the luncheon ladies and significant others who were present. **Mercedes Hutchison Bacon** brought classic lei for the men. All in all, our beachside Waialae event was small in size, but large in memories for all who attended.

This author had another June 11, 2021 treat in store as the Class of 1971 had planned, as one of their 50th Reunion events, a tour of the Mānoa Heritage Center property. They asked yours truly to be their docent. After the '46er luncheon, this author had the privilege of taking 15 of the 1971 Class (including son, WCM III, **Chip Moore '71**) on a guided tour of the property, which includes a 100+-year-old



*In June, five classmates from the Class of 1946 enjoyed a luncheon at the Waialae Country Club to celebrate their 75th Class Reunion. Front row, from left: Harriet "Honey" Markham Wedeman and Mercedes "Mercy" Hutchison Bacon. Back row: Richard Henderson, Willson Moore and Dougal Crowe.*

manor house, a restored heiau and over three acres of garden containing plants Hawaiians historically knew and used. The restoration and preservation of this unique site by five generations of the Cooke family, especially the foresight and dedication of the late **Sam Cooke '55** and **Mary Moragne '54** Cooke, makes any visit memorable.

So, June 11, 2021 provided hopefully great Class Reunion memories for some from the Classes of 1946 and 1971, and this author was privileged to have a small, but fun, part in both.

P.S. – After these notes were submitted, the sad news arrived that **Kenneth Hanson** lost his battle for life on his 93rd birthday, July 12, 2021. Ken was a gentle person of many, many gifts who will be greatly missed by the legion of those whose lives he lovingly touched.

**Class of 1947**

**75<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
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My apologies for my errors in the spring issue of the Bulletin regarding **Pat Holtwick Moran's** family. The truth is that she has two sons. The older is an attorney, who has two sons. The older grandson has twin daughters. Now that Pat's family is sorted out, this gives me the opportunity to tell you about Pat's book titled, "Autumn Leaves." What a wonderful way to

describe our advancing years and how we are spending them.

**Gini Tibbetts Pullman's** husband of 51 years has passed away. Her daughter, Dawne, who is an art conservator, has been living in Hong Kong for about 20 years. Gini is considering moving to Hong Kong to be with Dawne. She says that she has visited 48 countries so far. She has taken up line dancing.

**Betty Lou Augustine Fraser** has two granddaughters. **Katelynn Fraser '12** is in Switzerland, and **Jamie Fraser '08** is in Virginia Beach. I have a granddaughter in France working on her MBA in International Economics. Two young ladies in Europe with grandmothers in Hawai'i!

Carole and **Jack Sheehan** live in Santa Rosa. They visit Honolulu several times a year. They have "kids" living and working from Honolulu to Sun Valley, Idaho, and as far away as France.

Sheila Rhoads Coyle wrote me to let me know that her mother and our friend, **Kathleen "Cootie" Wootton Rhoads**, passed away on April 29, 2021, and that she enjoyed her connection to Punahou. I am quoting from our 1947 Oahuan: "Cootie, a third-floor member of the Hash House Gang, came to Punahou in her junior year. Her good looks, passion for jitter-bugging and dynamic personality soon made her well-known. When not at school, she can



*Hau'oli lā hānau! Puna Olds '48 Darval celebrated her 90th birthday with her 'ohana.*

usually be found scurrying around her native Wahiawā or 'catching' a tan at Waialua!"

I am sending a plea for more news. Please use my email address or phone number at the head of the column. And, I would be happy to give or share with a classmate the writing of this column.

Aloha,  
Mandy

### Class of 1948

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Former first lady Barbara Bush once said, "Cherish your human connections, your relationships with friends and family." At this stage in our lives, careers and achievements are no longer important. The closeness of friends and family is what brings us the most comfort and joy.

**Thomas Warne:** "I cherish the time I was able to spend with my Terry. I was next door when she was born. We played together as children. We married young and enjoyed 67 years of marriage. Such a blessing."

**Peg Deschwanden Foster:** "Our family events relate to location (and food). The more family present the better. Eating abalone at Fisherman's Wharf and traveling via the Cable Car in San Francisco; enjoying pastis at a sidewalk café near L'Arc deTriomphe in Paris; eating fish and chips near Piccadilly in London; having breakfast at Tip Top Café on Kaua'i and enjoying shave ice at Matsumoto's on O'ahu."

**Sam Van Culin:** "Because I was stationed in New York City for 20 years and London for 20 years, I saw very little of my family. When I returned from London in 2004, and settled in Washington D. C., it was wonderful to reconnect with my niece, **Tori Van Culin '84** Koch, and my nephew, **Drew Van Culin '91**. Tori and her husband, Randy, have a son, Isaac, and Drew and his wife, Jessica, have a son, Sam, and daughter, Catherine. I feel enriched and blessed to be connected with my family in my concluding years!"

**Dick Nelson:** "A special event happened in 2003, when the Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center honored me with a retrospective. A full year went into the preparation. Friends came from California, and 100-plus were on hand for the opening. It was truly a heartwarming event." Dick, there's nothing like experiencing the love and respect of friends on such a very special day.

**Elva Uyeno Yoshihara:** "What I cherish the very most are the dinners I share every Sunday with my sons, Peter and David, and their wives, Adrienne and Chiaki, and the golf we play together twice a week. Nothing could be better than that."



*In June 2021, Joy Valderrama '48 Abbott's classmates bid her a fond aloha with a farewell service at the Waialae Country Club. Front: Joan Baldwin Spalding. Second row, from left: Frankie McDonald Anderson, Vonnice Pratt Turner, Peg Deschwanden Foster, Pat Brown Faus, Elva Uyeno Yoshihara, Harriet Sato Masunaga and Muriel Otani Kashiwa. Back row: Philip Ching and Lois Carpenter Nottage.*



Happy Birthday! Eva Boss '48 Wassman celebrated her 90th birthday with her family in Australia.

**Don Wyeth:** "At 91, I will be able to see my newest great-grandchild, Miss Abby. This charmer is eighth on the list of great-grandchildren. Getting to see family is sometimes difficult, but this year it will happen. We can do short trips by car. Every day is a birthday in my view. I still function well!"

**Jane Yanagihara** Kurahara: "After a long time being sequestered, the first time we were able to get together face-to-face for a small potluck family birthday dinner is an event I will always remember and cherish."

**Donnie Wilson:** "With family and friends, the times I cherish are when all pretense is gone and we are together, clothed in honesty, love, laughter and even a tear or two. All celebrations and homecomings are welcome. Having time together magnifies what we mean to each other. The most precious times are when one of my grandchildren and I have time alone to share the deepest part of ourselves, building memories that may last for lifetimes."

**Doris Berg** Nye: "My most cherished moments are with my dad when he told me stories of the conflicts between the Romans and various Celtic tribes. I was stunned when he once spoke to a Catholic minister in Latin!"

Farewell to classmates: **Conrad Cox** passed away on Dec. 13, 2020. We all remember him for his bright smile and his height of 6-foot-3, which was considered very tall in those days. Conrad was a Mendocino County Superior Court judge, and was highly respected and loved by his family, friends and community.

**Carrie Ke'elikolani Osborne '99** Markowski shared that her grandmother and our friend,

**Catherine King** Thoene, passed away on Feb. 20, 2021, surrounded by her family. She grew up in the waters off Paikō Drive and never lost her love of the ocean and Hawai'i. An active volunteer and former Regent of the Daughters of Hawai'i, her children scattered her ashes to rest in the blue waters of Kāne'ohe Bay. Aloha 'oe, Cathy.

**Joy Valderrama** Abbott's ashes were taken to sea on June 23, 2021. **Philip Ching** arranged the gathering of classmates and friends at the Waiialae Country Club.

Classmates may be gone physically, but they have not left us. Each one has left a legacy of happy memories that stay with us forever. May our good Lord bless them all.

## Class of 1949

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**Kathleen O'Brien** Muirhead wishes all '49ers, who are already or going to be 90-years-old, a very Happy Birthday! **Bob Muirhead's** birthday was in May, and Kathie's was in October. She mentioned that our Class was part of a decade known as "the Greatest Generation," therefore we should be proud. The Muirheads may be slowing down, but they are enjoying everything but travel. Kathie has had recent conversations with **Pat Wyman**, **Izzy Lamb** Ryan and **Fred Gartley**, and is thinking about getting local classmates together for a luncheon.

A quote from **Edward Greaney's** Facebook in June: "Hawai'i has contributed so many recording artists to the acoustic guitar and 'ukulele genre dating back to **Dave Guard '52**

and **Bob Shane '52** of The Kingston Trio; Larry Ramos of The New Christy Minstrels, Peter Apo of The Travelers Three and more recently, my granddaughter, **Maya Kikuchi '16**, of Neko Kā, whose debut album 'Touch and Go' is out on Spotify." Way to go E.J., you proud grandfather!

**Jack Porter** celebrated his 66th wedding anniversary in June. He continues to work on the West Point Class Memorial Articles program. He mentioned that he had not seen a relative for 17 months until his daughter, Wendy, visited in May and his son, John, visited in June. Later, a granddaughter, Laura, was able to visit on her way to her next wildlife ecology assignment.

**Ellen Schattenburg** Townsley wrote that she is enjoying the relaxing of rules at her place, The Forum. She swims twice a week and walks a mile each day. She recently spent a great weekend with her children on the ocean shores. She is looking forward to a trip to Iceland and Greenland.

Farewells: **Donald Anthony Man-Heong Pahukoa Awa Yap** passed away on April 8, 2021, in Honolulu. Wherever there was a piano, there was Donald. He joined our Class in 1947, graduated, then went on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degrees in piano from the Eastman School of Music. Donald taught for a short time at the University of Hawai'i before he gained a national reputation as a conductor, pianist and arranger. He returned to Hawai'i in the 1980s and became director of Punahou Music School. He also led productions at Diamond Head Theatre and conducted **Eaton "Bob" Magoon Jr.'s '40** "13 Daughters."

**Cara Marshall** Chapman passed away on May 3, 2021, in Honolulu, and is survived by her husband, **Robert "Red" Chapman '50**. Cara was born in Honolulu and attended Punahou since the first grade. After graduation, she went off to the University of Washington. Cara and Red traveled extensively during their marriage of 66 years. She was very active in the Garden Club of Honolulu and so very proud of twice winning the Garden Club of America Corning Medal for her delicate ferns. Besides her love of cats and flowers, Cara is remembered as an ardent talker. At one time in high school, Cara and I talked for eight straight hours on the phone! We will miss you, Cara!

I recently enjoyed reading, "Sea People: The Puzzle of Polynesia" by Christina Thompson, a history of the settlement of remote Oceania by ancestors of the Polynesian people and so much more. I found many references to the Hawaiian Islands.

Thank you all for your help with these notes. Let us look forward to good health while visiting and traveling.

Aloha,  
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## Class of 1950

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Our 70th (actually, our 71st) Class Reunion has come and gone. Unfortunately, we missed seeing everyone at the usual Kūpuna Lū'au and the Alumni Lū'au because all the activities were virtual. The week of June 7 – 13, 2021 was filled with activities, including the Holoholo Fitness Challenge, Festival of Ideas, Punahou Alumni Associate Awards Ceremony, State of the School address by President **Mike Latham '86**, a virtual lei-making class and ended with Buff 'n Blue Together: Virtual Alumni Lū'au Celebration. Lū'au meals and Reunion merchandise were also available for pickup. There was also a campus tour, as well as a talk story session with alumni and former faculty members like Tom Metcalf and Eric Kusunoki. Punahou School, in general, and the Alumni Relations team under the direction of **Doug Rigg '84** must be commended for a job well done. It was a difficult task, and they did it!

Always standing tall and stately, **Mililani Paoa** Morton was one of our Hawaiian beauties. Sadly, she passed away on April 8, 2021, in Massachusetts, where she resided since 1950. She entered Punahou in the eighth grade and was involved in many activities, including the Double Triple Trio, Aloha Week and May Day festivities. She often entertained us with her beautiful singing voice. Mili grew up in Waikīkī, where the Hilton Hawaiian Village now stands, with the Kahanamoku and Paoa clan. After graduation, she enrolled at the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. She remained in the Boston area, where she married Earl Morton and raised three children, Lani, Moana and Michael. We lost touch with each other until accidentally meeting on an Alaskan cruise in the late 1990s. **Dick Nelson '48** and his wife were also our shipmates! What a pleasant surprise! My husband, **Dave Eldredge '49**, and I later traveled to New Zealand with Mili and Earl, **Beverly Dwight**, **Darwin Chang**, **Gerald Chong '55** and a bunch of fun-loving Kamehameha alumni. What a memorable trip that was! In the following years, we were able to spend more time with the Mortons during their annual extended Hawai'i vacations. Mili had been looking forward to our 70th Reunion scheduled for June 2020, but when it was canceled due to the pandemic and rescheduled for the following summer, she informed me that she wouldn't be able to attend due to the recurrence of her cancer. What heartbreaking news! Sing with the angels, dear Mili! We'll miss you! Our condolences go out to her 'ohana.

Until we meet again, take care, everyone. Stay safe, and be sure to get your vaccinations! The life you save might be your own!

Aloha!

## Class of 1951

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Hi, Class:

I hope everyone is hanging in there.

The 10 classmates who were able to make the mini 70th Reunion lunch at the Honolulu Elks Club in Waikīkī were **Dido Kekoolani** Barrett, **Myrna Pang** Chun-Hoon, **Iris Okazaki** Chung, **Wanda Marino** Ginden, **Robin Fern** Loomis, **Chapman Lam**, **George Mead**, **Anita Berg** Whiting and **Bob Gordon Jr.**, who came from Lakewood, Colorado.

Since it was Kamehameha Day, the Elks Club had a Hawaiian plate on the menu, so we were fortunate to enjoy kalua pig, lomi salmon, chicken long rice, poi, mini laulau, haupia, rice, mac salad and juice. SO 'ONO! Joining us were some of the Class of 1950, **Jean Matsukage** Eldredge, Val and **Paul Kobayashi**, **Norman Ching**, **Yi-Chuan Ching** and **Bev Irvine** Kamahela, whose daughter, Raelyn, danced to

the music of her husband, Ryan Tang's, Hawaiian music group. I was able to get Punahou alumni masks for everyone, and I made 20 lei from my own flowers.

**Larry Black** had a last-minute change and was not able to make it. He said, "Next time." **Alana Atkinson McKinney**, who lives in Volcano, called to say that she hopes to make it next year. **Chuck Gray** called from Hāna, Maui, and said, "Thanks for the note." **Joanne Fleming** Murray's daughter, Leslie, said that her mother was going through cancer treatment, and that she wished she could be with us. **Bonnie Purvis** Eyre and **Pat Low** Wagner were both not able to make it.

We all had a great time seeing everyone. We will do this again! We plan to have a luncheon next year, so keep the date open.

Stay in touch! Please let the Alumni Relations office know of any changes in your address, phone or cell numbers.

Keep safe and stay healthy. Much aloha.

Mary E



*These friends from the Class of '51 enjoyed a 70th Reunion lunch at the Honolulu Elks Club in Waikīkī on Kamehameha Day. Front row, from left: Bob Gordon Jr., Wanda Marino Ginden, Robin Fern Loomis, Mary E. Friel Ciacci and Anita Berg Whiting. Back row: Chapman Lam, Iris Okazaki Chung, George Mead, Dido Kekoolani Barrett and Myrna Pang Chun-Hoon.*

## Class of 1952

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Aloha all!!

It is June 30, 2021, and first off, I want to remind everyone that our 70th Class Reunion events are from June 8 – 12, 2022. Thanks to our Reunion Lead, **Alice Flanders Guild**, we have confirmed reservations for all events. Back in 2019, Alice began a proactive search. Many sites were considered. Alice took great care and effort to search out venues which were familiar, senior-friendly, accessible, provided parking, were within a fair proximity to hotels and keeping cost in mind ... many factors.

Our events narrowed as follows:

Wednesday, June 8: Kūpuna Lū'au at Punahou (pending confirmation and pandemic restrictions).

Thursday, June 9: Cocktails and heavy pūpū at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Friday, June 10: A free day and evening.

Saturday, June 11: Pā'ina – an informal evening at the Guild home on Ke'eaumoku Street. A time to just hang out with each other, go over memorabilia, chat and eat at our leisure. It's all about comfort and a moment to catch up with each other and enjoy the nostalgia ... maybe impromptu entertainment too! Those who wish to attend the on-campus Alumni Lū'au are welcome to do so and join everyone at Alice's afterward.

Sunday, June 12: Picnic at Lanikūhonua – The Sunday picnic will continue to be a family affair. Bus transportation to and from Lanikūhonua will be available. Parking is available in Area 3 for those preferring to drive. The Class of '57 may join our gathering giving us the opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones.

Incidentally, Alice has permanently moved out of Kahala Nui and is happily back in her home of over 50 years on Ke'eaumoku Street. We are grateful to Alice for researching, booking the accommodations and graciously opening her home for the pā'ina. It will surely be like old times! Details will be announced as the Reunion approaches and pandemic restrictions become clearer. Mark your calendars and start planning!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch – **Soot Bredhoff** has downsized and sold his Wailea condo. He's moved Upcountry to be with his daughter, Sarah, and home again with dogs, horses, donkeys and goats – the basic pleasures! Soot checked in with **Ramsay Mori**, who prefers staying home nowadays to enjoy his spectacular view of the Ko'olau Mountains. It is a very special haven, which **Mike Stroup** helped build so many years ago.

**Pat Fox** and Alice Guild are each spending the summer with their mo'opuna – Alice at the family ranch on Hawai'i Island and Pat on O'ahu's North Shore and at her Waikīkī condo.

In May, I spoke with both **Barbara Moody** Hudman and **Peggy Moir** Vollmann. Coincidentally, they had run into each other at the Elks Club and were able to catch up. Barbara is still very active with her daily walks and musical outings. She also keeps in touch with Judy and **Vernon Knight**. Vernon is mostly a homebody these days. Peggy also spoke with **Harry Jefferson**, who had a nasty fall a while ago and is still recuperating in a Kona rehab. He was, however, looking forward to returning home soon to Waimea. Peggy snuck away for three weeks in June. Her destination? Florida – to celebrate with family that she has not seen in many moons.

**Myron Isherwood** checked in from Hilo, where he keeps busy as a trustee of the Lyman Museum and Mission House. He is a longtime Lions Club member and has been a high school track official for 50 years. Good going, Ish. Keeping busy keeps us young!

Stay well, and stay in touch with each other!

## Class of 1953

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The most fun dialogue between our classmates is the hau'oli birthday greetings. Many wishes were sent followed by mahalo replies. Some were celebrating in late spring: **Mary Ann Burgess McCrea, Ian Birnie, Margaret Bell Merrion, John Pasch, Ted Harders** and **Myrna Kawamoto** Sen. Let me know if we missed your birthday.

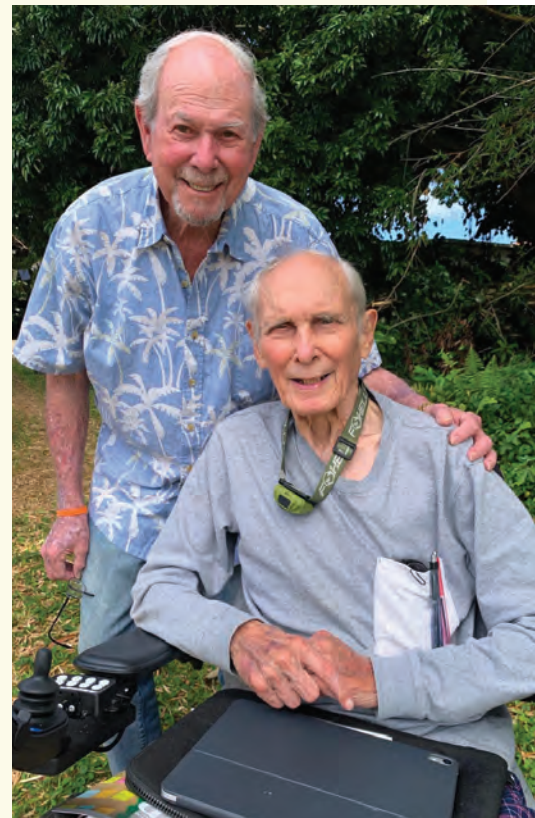
Myrna shared her enjoyment of reading "Facing the Mountain," a history of the Nisei in World War II, including Hawai'i's 442nd Infantry Regiment, written from personal interviews and documented research. I've always liked the 442nd photo taken in front of 'Iolani Palace. Learning the back story of that photo helped me to visualize the ceremony and the huge crowd of people in attendance.

**John Pasch** shared a World War II memory of when he lived in Pāloalo Valley. "Before the war broke out, my dad, who was first-generation American from Germany, would play German songs on his record player. Anyone could hear the music loud and clear, being blasted out from his console! After the Dec. 7, 1941, those records disappeared forever. I never heard them again. I can still vividly remember a couple of those songs."

**Franklin Ching** shared the link to the Punahou virtual Holokū and May Day 2021, full of flowers, hula and music – stirring members of our own May Day court of Queen **Fern Vannatta** Clark and Princess **Johanna Souza** Kahanu, celebrated by the swaying of ti leaf skirts.



A fond aloha to Les Amoy '53, who passed away on April 19, 2021. Les was a founder and longtime president of the Punahou Alumni Association Southern California Chapter. Aloha no, Les.



Paul Kaufmann '53 and Roy Oness '53 visited in Hilo.



Jim Byrer '54 enjoyed lunch at Buzz's Original Steak House in Kailua with Paul '54 and Frederica Heady.

drive only to find the kitchen was torn up, lumber everywhere, dirt floor and no groceries. Off to the store he went. He cooked everything and was ready with chili and rice when we all arrived, unaware, but hungry. **Wally Oshiro** was in charge of the Sunday breakfast, but said, "No can, had stroke." So again, Les to the rescue. Les was involved with the Punahou Alumni Association Southern California Chapter from the beginning and was also instrumental in its success, becoming a longtime president after John Devereux. Both John and Les were charter members recruiting help from classmates, other alumni and even President Fox. Mahalo, Les! A hui hou.

**Judy Ho '59** Schulz shared that her sister and our classmate, Dr. **Ann Barbara Ho** Yee, passed away on March 31, 2021. Ann's husband, **Herbert Yee '52**, preceded her in death by just a few months. Ann was a practicing pediatrician. Ann was known to campaign for underdogs and lost causes with **Tom Shimabukuro**. Aloha 'oe, Ann Barbara.

A final note from **Marta Russell** Sullivan about going barefoot. "Shoes were required by all students above the second grade. When it rained heavily, Alexander Field flowed with mud. I went barefoot and had to sit outside Mr. Curtis' office as punishment when caught."

Aloha pumehana,  
Dorinda



Holly Greenwell '86, Taea Greenwell '89 and their father, Brysson "Jack" Greenwell '54, enjoyed lunch at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Taea and Jack live a few miles apart in Kona, where Taea is working as a licensed learning support counselor and lives on a small coffee farm with her partner, Lisa. Holly is an English teacher at Punahou, and Jack is happily retired.

## Class of 1954

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Frederica and **Paul Heady** flew to O'ahu in June, to attend their grandson's Punahou graduation. **Hugh Piper '21** will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, in the fall. Their flurry of activity included family events, catching up with **Jim Byrer**, **Leslie Styne** Mattice, **Bobby Lou Furtado** Yeackel, **Ian Birnie '53** and relishing the Hawai'i that the rest of us yearn to return to. Lucky for the Heady group, Paul had his old, refurbished car shipped over so he did not have to pay exorbitant rental prices.

The Zoom reunions that Karen and **John Lemes** initiated continue to flourish. To get in their "loop" (yours, also!) contact Karen Lemes. She will fill you in on how often they meet and how to "get in." See if you recognize the classmates that are the attendees of this new virtual Class gathering.

**Ginger Wainscott** Porsch wrote in some fun news! "I just became a grandmother again on July 16, 2021, with the birth of Everett John Porsch! His two sisters, who are six and nine years old also have July birthdays and are absolutely thrilled. Who would have thought at 84, you would have a new grandchild? I guess I had better keep up the tennis so I can still be around for a few more years."

**Stuart Ho** shared his memory of a no-hitter game pitched by **John Maesaka**. "I learned to throw the fork ball or split finger fast ball after reading Bob Feller's book on pitching. I was taking classical piano lessons when my piano teacher had me doing stretching exercises to be able to reach an octave on the piano. He was not aware of my ability to reach the octave without it, but the exercise allowed me to spread my fingers wide enough to accommodate wrapping the ball between my index and third finger to throw the fork ball like I would with a fast ball. The ball would slip out and act like a knuckleball to give it the unpredictable

movements that made it difficult for the catcher to catch or the batter to hit. I remember striking out four hitters in one inning because the catcher could not catch the ball." We are all so glad that John went on to medical school. To this day, he continues his medical research.

**Ted Harders** said this on the passing of our classmate, **Les Amoy**. "Aloha, Les. I've never known anyone as kind and good natured as you." Which prompted **John Devereux** to share a story about Les and his "'a'ole pilikia" personality when he was to cook his famous chili for a mini reunion at the Burmeisters in Stockton. Les arrived after a five- or six-hour



Friends from the Class of '56 at their 65th Class Reunion brunch at the Outrigger Canoe Club. From left: Patti Soule Anderson, Jim Turner, Bonnie Frazier Andrew and Geri Iwanaga Lambert.

**Jack Greenwell** reports that all of his daughters, **Holly '86**, **Taea '89**, **Beatrix '84** and a granddaughter, Ellen, are all back home in Hawai'i. Holly and Beatrix live in Honolulu. Taea and Jack are living a few miles apart in Kona on Hawai'i Island. Jack is happily retired and spends his time gardening, hiking and visiting with friends and family. He had to stay put this past year due to the pandemic, but he has plans to travel to Turkey for a learning vacation as soon as things are open and safe.

As soon as the pandemic travel rules were lifted, Ort and **Cathy LeBaron Steele** booked a trip to Hawai'i Island and flew there to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary accompanied by their two sons and their families. What a fun vacation for that great family. Perhaps they will send us photos and a brief wrap-up of this timely event.

No pain can possibly exceed what we felt when we learned of the death of **Christian Schneider '80**, the only son of our classmate, **Bobby Lou Furtado** Yeackel. His obituary

shared, "Christian died doing what he loved best – spearfishing for lobster in Ka'ū with his buddies. The 'Mayor of Kailua,' as he sometimes called himself, was loved by all who had the luck of experiencing his humor and generous heart." Many of us who visited Buzz's Original Steak House in Lanikai had fun chatting with the Schneider children, **Kaleo '78**, **Jiffy '79** and Christian, while enjoying the ambiance of that picturesque restaurant at the lagoon's edge, separating the two quaint towns of Kailua and Lanikai. Christian was full of fun, great humor and was an excellent cook and party planner. Tom and I can attest to that! He catered our 40th wedding anniversary dinner at our apartment in Waikīkī – lugging up steam tables, steel pots and umpteen other cooking and food accoutrements in our tiny elevator. The elegant banquet he put on for our family and friends lives on in our cherished memories. Our aloha to Bobby Lou and Stan; his sisters, Jiffy and Kaleo; his wife, Kendra; his son, Jack, and his extended family. Their family team and many delightful restaurants are

legend in Hawai'i – created and opened by Buzz, Bobby Lou's former husband and the genius of originality. A hui hou, Christian.

Aloha, MB

## Class of 1955

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Our Class had a Reunion at **Mary Flanders** Philpotts McGrath's house. There were 20 attendees and a group who joined us via Zoom. None of us were very sure what would happen with Zoom, but it was definitely a success, and it was very heartfelt. People did not have to be in their best, and they did not have to fly 5,000 miles to attend! They could just be themselves and show up when they could. Our Zoomers were **Irene Appleyard**, **Jeb Benner**, **Sandra Conrad**, **Jay Makin** and **Sherry Love** Sheehan. I am sure that this is something that we will incorporate into all our Reunions – because it really worked.

The evening of the Reunion, **Phil Sevier** found out that **Peter Baldwin** had inoperable brain cancer. Two weeks later, we received a note that Peter had passed away. We will miss him.

We have a fabulous group, and because of this last meeting, we know that we can meet from anywhere we are. Let's keep it up and keep up the aloha spirit!

## Class of 1956

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It is so true that time flies when you are having fun. The Reunion came and went with the speed of light, but the memories and the pictures linger on. We missed the excitement of a Class event on campus under the tent, but private time with old friends was at the heart of this Reunion. It was a wonderful occasion for those of us who made it to the Class gatherings. Many thanks are in order for the members of our Reunion committee, who worked for months to overcome the challenges of the pandemic and all the restrictions in place at various venues. Fortunately, our Class was blessed with the determination of **Jim Turner** and **Geri Iwanaga** Lambert and their team. Not only did they encourage our Class to donate more than \$400,000 to Punahou, but they organized time together that was especially meaningful.

**Scott May** and other team members engineered the gathering at The Pacific Club for classmates and their spouses. The nicest part of that venue was that after greeting one another as we arrived, there was time available for shared stories during the luncheon. The table where I sat should have been labeled, "Travelers Only" because California dwellers, **Leilani Holloway** Eells and **Sally Lacy**, shared the space with **Hovey Harris** Vogel, who came all the way from Florida. **Mari-jo Flanders** Allen



and I only came from Hawai'i Island, but our flight from Waimea stopped on Maui, then Moloka'i, and with so many delays, it may have taken longer than Hovey's flight from Florida. The tables were safely spaced, and because so many of us had been vaccinated, **Joan Chock** and **Barbara Kong** Vlachos were able to share our space.

The same was true during the brunch at the Outrigger Canoe Club. **Ron Li**, Geri Lambert and **Bonnie Frazier** Andrew joined forces to organize the logistics. Bonnie did the wonderful buff 'n blue flowers. We couldn't mingle at will, but the table seatings were all new combinations. It was a treat talking at length with Sim and **Mel Kau**, **Eva Miyahara** Kama, Patti and Ron Li and **Lowell Chung**. Mel put his pictures on a Google site for our enjoyment. Here is the link: [bit.ly/3xgaLlx](http://bit.ly/3xgaLlx)

In addition to other delights, **Scott** and **Sue Beck '57 May** welcomed us to their Makiki home on Saturday, where we shared pūpū and Hawaiian plate lunches. The music was provided by members of the Punahou Imu Gang, the dedicated crew that would ordinarily have cooked the food for the Alumni Lū'au under the tent. Hovey, Leilani, David and Bonnie Andrew, **Jim** and **Lani Tomita '59 Sakoda** and I enjoyed their singing as we spent time together under the stars.

The most important lessons from this Reunion were that we still care about each other, and that we are willing to go beyond expectations to help one another. For instance, Ron Li made sure that I had music and earphones to use while traveling island to island on the little plane. What was even more impressive was that Ron ensured that Hovey and her grandson, Sam, had an Outrigger Canoe Club guest membership to use for the length of their stay on O'ahu, as well as surfing equipment to enjoy at the beach.

Beyond the celebrations on O'ahu, more serious life happened to **Gloria King** Ralls. While trying to find out if Gloria would make it to the Reunion, I learned from her daughter, Nancy, that she had suffered a serious fall at home. She is now living safely in a residential facility in Salem, Oregon. Nancy has assured me that Gloria would enjoy receiving mail, and I have her new address to share.

On an even more serious note, just as I was catching the plane to O'ahu, I received a phone call from Denne, **Chuck Gold's** wife, advising me that Chuck had passed away on July 26, 2019. Chuck was a man of action, a hunter and fisherman, iron worker and pilot of his own small plane over the Alaskan landscape. My last note from him included a description of his hunting adventures. He leaves Denne, his wife of almost 56 years, and their son, Cary. I have Denne's address if friends would like to write to her.



*In April, Terry Cline '62 Wells visited Tom Conger '57 at Rogue Valley Manor in Medford, Oregon, on a fast-track circuit from Arizona through the Pacific Northwest.*

**"Nicky" Christopher T. Cleghorn II** passed away peacefully on July 17, 2021, in Medford, Oregon, where he had moved in June 2020 in order to be closer to his daughters. He is survived by **Anna Cleghorn '79**, **Denny Cleghorn '82** Voss (Jay), **Pamela Cleghorn '83** Darnall (Ted), six grandchildren and two great granddaughters. From the moment he joined us as a new sophomore from Maui, Nicky was a dedicated "Hash House" resident. After graduating from University of California, Davis, he married **Carole Ackerman** Cleghorn in 1960. Nicky worked in Honolulu and eventually retired as the president of Honsador. After Carole's death, he maintained close friendships with classmates, and was a dedicated member of the Monday mahjong gang.

It is more important than ever for us to stay in touch with one another. Cell phones frequently replace land lines, so please keep your contact information updated. You can, however, still reach me at P.O. Box 1973, Kamuela, HI 96743. I love hearing from you, and so does everyone else. A hui hou.

## Class of 1957

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Desperately seeking news, we hit up **Kathleen "Pudding" Burke** Lassiter and **Demetra "Sis" Hundhammer** Reynolds on Hawai'i Island. Sis reports: "Sam and I are fine. We see Pudding and Bob occasionally. Love the Big Island, but choke rain right now ... You, Oregonian, sounds like you keep the hale makule jumping. Nice how the locals find each other, carry on, and manage not to get expelled ... no Punahou news for you. I live in Hilo. It's quiet here." Pudding confesses: "We do see Sis once a year at Thanksgiving ... Today, I turned 82, what a shock to wake up, see the mirror and wonder who it is I am looking at. Tonight, **Bob Johnson** and my family will be going to the Yacht Club for dinner. On Monday, **Reed Fitkin** and his wife will join us for lunch before they return to Bend. Many years ago, my stepmother lived in Medford at the same place you now live. I got to visit several times."

Another birthday wahine, **Maybelle Nekota** Moore, notes: "Spam musubi: the reason I stay

in Hawai'i!! Live it up at 81, your turn will come—even tho you're pushing it as far as you can!"

**Laurel Wood**, The Windward Watchdog, yet another birthday lady, checks in: "I'm with old Maui friends at the California Hotel in Las Vegas. This is a last-minute trip – came through San Diego, where I once lived. Somehow, I missed **Sue Wolfe** Mountain, as we were all set to have lunch – oops on that. Met **Pat Baer** Johnston and her husband for dinner, and parted the next day – Pat to Houston, and I returned home." (I wonder if she met up with Pat. Last we heard, at the Hotel California, you could check out any time you like, but you can never leave ...)

From **Don Sheik**: "Wife, Jean, dog Kiko 'Ele'ele and I just returned from a 10-day cruise in the San Juan Islands. We chartered a 33-foot powerboat and had a blast revisiting many of the same beautiful spots we did on a cruise nearly 30 years ago. I note in the Punahou Bulletin that somehow our Class seems to be creeping closer and closer to the front of the publication ... funny how that happens!"

**Jane Williamson '59** Thompson from Maui: "Nice surprise to hear from you. The restaurants that haven't quit altogether are open, and friends and I go from time to time. We're all vaccinated, but wear masks anyway. You would've loved Hawai'i during last year – no tourists and it was like the olden days. Beaches with no people except locals, no traffic, no airplanes, no rental cars – it was so nice while it lasted. Now, tourists flooding in, and Mustang convertibles and Jeeps all over the place. Friends seem to be dying, which gives me pause. I'd like to be closer to the kids, but they

are in California. Still trying to figure out the next step. Sold my house about nine years ago and renting around the corner on the golf course in Sprecks. For the time being, I'm happy here, but I know a change is coming. I'm very healthy which is good.

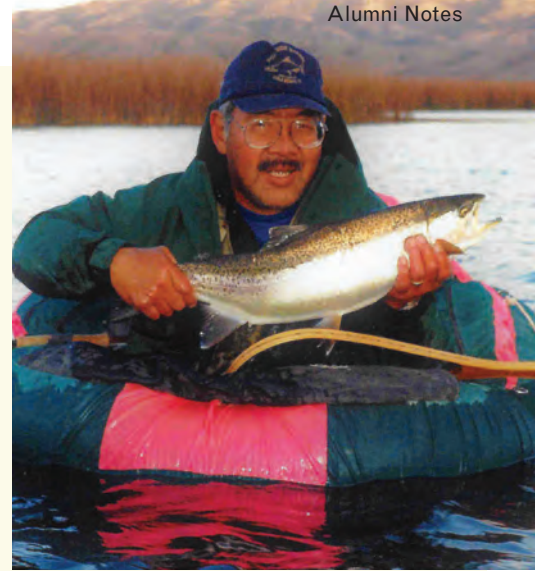
**Valerie Erwin** Hetherington: "Just returned from week on Kaua'i. Too much pilikia for me with the COVID-19 testing and the masks. I was planning to go to Spain and Portugal with Ralph and **Sarah Cooper** Bunje, but 'twas canceled, then maybe to Rajah Ampat with my kids in December to snorkel – we'll see. Gotta thank **Pete Powlison '40** for my 132 countries. I think maybe (I'll visit) Irian Jaya. I'll let you know."

Mai poina. Sad to say farewell to **Mary MacLaughlin** Worrall, who passed away on March 29, 2021. A highly successful realtor, Mary was always generous to our Class, offering her lovely home for post-lū'au afterglows more than once. Aloha, old friend.

### Class of 1958

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I'm sorry to report that **Nick Auyong** passed away in April, at his home in San Luis Obispo. Nick came to Punahou in ninth grade and was an outstanding athlete. Although he played most sports, he particularly excelled in baseball. He was co-captain of the team with **Ron Amemiya** in our senior year that won the ILH championship for the fourth consecutive year. Ron said, "Nick was a man who led by his actions."



*Nick Auyong '58 fishing in the Ruby Marsh of Eastern Nevada in 1998. Nick passed away on April 10, 2021.*

Ron also mentioned an incident that happened at Makapu'u in our senior year. He contacted **Hiram de Fries '59**, who was with Nick that day, to provide the details: "Makapu'u was whitewater rough, so Nick and I made it to the rocks to sit out the day. We admired a tall haole for taking on the tough surf as no one else was in the water. After being pounded by two sets, he never surfaced after the third. Nick said, "We gotta get him." I said, "We don't gotta get him." Nick gave me that commanding look and said, "Let's go." We



*Keoki and Betty Hay Wodehouse '57 Freeland invited classmates, Betty Neary Alberts and Laurel Wood Leslie, to lunch at the Maui Country Club, when they visited Pā'ia. Betty Alberts is holding a catalogue of Betty Freeland's paintings over a 20-year period. Betty F. still actively paints, and the Alberts family owns a number of her Hawai'i landscapes. From left: Keoki Freeland, Betty Hay Freeland, Betty Neary Alberts and Laurel Leslie. Not seen, but present is Bruce Alberts.*



*Richard '59 and Sandy Folk '59 Ednie's oldest grandchild, Malia, turned 18 in March 2021. The family celebrated with a formal dinner and dance with all the settings of a top nightclub.*



*Mark Leggett '59 visited Ellen Peterson '59 Leggett and their grandchildren in Seattle. From left: Mark, Camille Seelig, Claire Seelig, Gryff Leggett, Ellen and Felix Leggett.*

found him under the surface, got him up and to the beach. Nick gave him the arm pump 'til he choked up the water and staggered off with his entourage. Nick was a great leader from the time we met in grade school at Kapālama Elementary." The tall haole turned out to be Art Linkletter!

Nick married his wife, Pat, in 1961, and they raised five daughters. In 1970, he started a career in teaching, and taught fifth and sixth in

the San Luis Obispo County school district, retiring in 1995 after 25 years. In addition to athletics, one of Nick's passions was fishing. His ocean fishing skills learned in Hawai'i became a lifelong passion. In 2000, Nick had a fall from a ladder, confining him to a wheelchair. However, this did not prevent him from fishing and other activities, such as gardening.

Nothing else to report for now. Please send me some news!

## Class of 1959

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In May, **Jackie Lemmon Johnson, Ron Iwamoto and Chris McKenzie** went "catch, tag and release" fishing on Chris' boat, Eleu. The marlin will attack the artificial lure and the line screams off the reel, and the marlin usually puts on a show as it jumps and tail-walks in an attempt to become unhooked. Once reeled in, the leader-man grabs the leader and pulls the fish toward the back of the boat. Chris's job is to stick the tag into the fish. Then, the fishhook is removed so the fish freely swims away. They hooked up a marlin with an estimated weight of 250 pounds, several miles off shore in Nānākuli. After a good fight, and plenty of showmanship, the marlin was tagged and released. Check out the photograph taken by Jackie as Chris tagged the fish before release. The best part of the whole thing is that the fish will live to reproduce and fight another day.

**Tom Chun** and his wife, Judi, have lived in the San Francisco Bay area for 50 years – except for a couple of years in Paris, France. That part of their life is now changing. They are moving to Driftwood, a small town outside of Austin, Texas, to live across the street from their daughter and her husband.

Things are pretty quiet for **Eric Herrick** in Santa Cruz. No surprise that he is scheduled for a car rally in October, conditions permitting. Santa Cruz County had serious wildfires last year, but the fires continued UNDER a nearby road for months. Is Pele somehow involved? The new challenge is water rationing! Eric still hears property tax appeals for the county, but now on Zoom. Like many of us, Eric has focused on reconnecting with folks from the past. On Memorial Day, Eric did his usual walk around in the 1859 Santa Cruz cemetery, reading aloud the names of veterans at their flag-marked gravesites. We are all connected!

Malia McKendry, the oldest of the six grandchildren of **Richard and Sandy Folk Ednie**, turned 18 in March 2021. The family of 18 celebrated with a formal dinner and dance with all the settings of a top nightclub. Malia is a top student, captained her swim team, a top polo player (of course), an accomplished hula dancer and an inspiration to her five aspiring cousins.

**Mark Leggett** recently visited **Ellen Peterson Leggett** and their grandchildren (and dog, Gryff) in the Seattle area. Mark looks about the same as he did in the eighth grade!



*In May, Jackie Lemmon '59 Johnson, Ron Iwamoto '59 and Chris McKenzie '59 went "catch, tag and release" fishing on Chris' boat, Eleu. Here is a photograph taken by Jackie as Chris tagged a Marlin, with an estimated weight of 250 pounds, several miles off shore in Nānākuli.*

the U.S. Coast Guard and was the last manager of the Moloka'i Ranch. He also had a fishing and trading company since 1986. In 2004, our Reunion group stayed on Moloka'i for a week and got to know Aka better as he showed us the Island and introduced us to his specialty, Moloka'i marinade, and the steps in how to prepare and cook the best steak we've ever tasted. Aka is survived by his wife, **Pearlie Friel '54** Hodgins, and their six children. He was an accomplished and engaging personality who was much respected.

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From Cathy:

Sadly, **Gregg Kashiwa** passed away in early 2021, in Honolulu. Gregg did not graduate with us, but went away to a military school for his senior year. Our condolences go out to the Kashiwa family. He will be missed.

**Likelike Davis, Marie Flynn Bernhard, Margie Kepner Durant, Curtis Wheeler, Stewart Brissette and David Benson** did a superb job on our virtual Reunion! Dave handled the technical end of things – very complex, and it worked out impressively well. Only 25 people took part, and that meant everyone had a

Let us all congratulate **Clayden Jim** for receiving the prestigious Punahou Alumni Association Old School Award. Clayden has spent decades volunteering at track and field championship events, annual Punahou golf tournaments, as O-Men president, with Carnival participation, on the Punahou Alumni Association board of directors and as treasurer of our Class Reunion committee. He also, by the way, worked for a living! Many congratulations!

**JoAnn Choi** Pottberg passed away peacefully in Palo Alto, California on April 13, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Thomas; her brother, **Cedric Choi '65**, and his wife, Pat; four children and seven grandchildren. JoAnn, who was fluent in Italian, spent a considerable amount of time in Italy and loved Rome. She and her husband, Tom, established Met One Instruments in 1989 – a very successful manufacturer of environmental measuring equipment. On top of all that, she stayed active in keeping up with the arts, fashion and technology. She was a remarkable and gifted person who will be missed by all.

We also learned of the passing of **William "Aka" Hodgins**, who died on June 15, 2021, in Kaunakakai. After Punahou, Aka served with



*Jeffrey Banks '91, Penny Deming '60 Dupin and Rebecca Banks '93 on a Columbia and Snake River cruise in spring 2021.*



Howard Halm '60 on a trip home to Hawai'i just before the pandemic.



These '61 classmates, Deane Shephard, Stanley Wong and Anson Rego, entertained Sherri Kahanu '79 Shephard and fellow '61 classmates at the Class Memorial service on Kailua Beach.

chance to talk. The whole event was a lot of fun! Maybe more people, next time?

Those at the Reunion learned that I served a curry made with **Jim Muir's** homemade curry powder to Tony and **Donella Reese Vogel**, who have recently returned to Michigan from Florida. Jim, who lives in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, has become an expert in curry making. He makes several different kinds and has curry parties, where he roasts and grinds the needed spices.

More good news: Diana and **Jerry Pang's** daughter, **Bonnie '86**, was named President and CEO of the Hawaii Employers Council in March.

**Vernon Woo** has now published the second of his trilogy of international crime novels. The first novel was "The Paradise Pursuit," the second, published in March 2021, is "The Paradise Dispute," and the third will be "The Paradise Refute."

Cheri and **Dave Burr** have moved from a town near Houston to Mansfield, Texas, which is closer to both of their daughters.

I've been happily surprised to hear from **Howard Halm**, who once lived in Kailua near **Bill Wood**, but moved to California after ninth grade. A trial lawyer for 40 years, then nine years as a judge in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Howard is still judging for Alternative Dispute Resolution Services. We reminisced about having Mrs. Caroline Hair for English (Howard) and public speaking (me) in ninth grade. Howard knows a woman who was at college with Mrs. Hair. Unfortunately, she died several years ago.

Another welcome reconnection has been with **Betsy Sams** Holliday. She got in touch through Jim Muir's search for the military dependents in our Class. Betsy lived at Fort Kamehameha, and reports that she surprised aircraft carriers by standing and waving at low tide in waist-deep water right next to the channel into Pearl Harbor. She also shared: "I caught a blowfish, and I (with the assistance of an inflated balloon and tons of aerosol shellac) created my own taxidermy! This lovely remembrance of my Island days is still with me, albeit relegated to a box in the basement." Betsy lives near Kansas City, Missouri, not to be confused with Kansas City, Kansas. Since she retired from SAS in 2010, she has taught ESL, served as a museum docent and a member of the Prairie Village Arts Council, among other worthy works.

I've also come to know **Wilette Wong** Thompson much better than I did at Punahou. Like me, she was one of four sisters and a brother, and we lived right around the corner from each other in Mānoa, but never realized it. Wilette and her husband, Lloyd, who live in Norwell, Massachusetts, are active with their Lutheran Church.

**Penny Deming Dupin** was on part of a Columbia and Snake River cruise, at a place called Waikīkī Beach, where William Clark is said to have reached the Pacific, when she heard someone say, "That was no Waikīkī Beach." It turned out to be **Rebecca Banks '93** from Louisiana, who, with her brother, **Jeffrey '91** from Alaska, and their parents, Nancy and Richard, were on the cruise as a family reunion.

### Class of 1961

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What a terrific 60th Reunion for the Class of 1961! For 15 of us, the 1961 memorial service planning began in 2020 at a time when state COVID-19 guidelines were so stringent that it was questionable whether we could legally hold an in-person service at all. It was our hope that gathering guidelines would be lifted enough to allow a proper gathering. **Linda Quisenberry Green** and **Deane Shephard** (co-chairs), **Stan Wong** (song leader), **Carolynn Goodlin Griffith** and **Cosette Morrison Harms** (prayers of remembrance for the deceased), **Jed Hirota** (videography), **Malina Kaulukukui** (setup and oli), **Maile Chinn Wilkerson** (table decoration), **Sharon Botelho Elwell** (flower petals), **Anson** and **Meymo Lemon Rego** (bento), **Judi Herter Moore**, **Carol Silva Judd**, **Jackie Seifert Collins** and **Galen Fox** attended the service. We prayed for fair weather, and Kailua Beach weather was ideal. After the service those attending grabbed their bento and enjoyed fellowship with each other on the beach. The video that was shot by Jed, then edited by Cosette's way-talented cousin, **C.J. Smith '03**, is beautiful and moving. Thank you to everyone.

Our Reunion continued on June 11, 2021, when 28 classmates gathered on Zoom. After a short minute on the "Main Room," we were whisked out to seven breakout rooms, then at eight minutes, we rotated to a new breakout room

with different classmates. Participants included **Susan Meyer, Ron Kunst, MaryLou Robello Knupp, Kerry Yoon, Denny Holmes, Michael Levine, Andy Ogawa, Barry Baer** (Gift lead), **Meredith Prock**, (Chairperson Emeritus), Sharon Botelho Elwell, **Nancy Ayers Hawes, Cosette Morrison Harms, Polly Moore Walters, Brooke Baird Brown, Judith Morgan Levy, Sandy Ako Eagle, Linda Quisenberry Green, Gretchen Stiling Willson, Carolyn Goodlin Griffith, Sue Mannon O'Connor, Mae Jeanne Keefer Fancher, Deane Shephard and Toni Withington.** After the rotations, we all gathered in the Main Room and swapped stories and experiences.

Sue O'Connor was cruising down the Danube River, but the area was arid and the river too low to negotiate. The cruise diverted to Peles, Romania, and upon disembarking, Sue saw **Michael Clifford!**

Cosette and friends took an Alaskan cruise. **Annie Woodward '75** Caulfield, the daughter of Punahou teacher, Ralph Woodward, who lives in Juneau, took them out in her boat to a glacier that was calving. It was a brilliant experience of the power of nature.

Sharon Elwell was given a present by her son-in-law – a trip to Las Vegas. She saw her 32-year-old grandson and her great-grand, who will be three years old in April!

**Andy Ogawa**, an ophthalmologist, has been commissioned by the National Institute of Health to research RNA (any takers on how to spell this out?).

**Blane Darrah** was telling us about his spiffy ceramic David Winter cottage collection. They are so slick!

It is always a pleasure talking to Meymo Rego. She is a volunteer for the 'Aina Haina Community Association and working to prevent another flooding of their nearby drainage canal. It has come close. Hurricane Doug set the association to worrying that there would be flooding again. Thankfully, the storm veered away from the Islands and no flooding occurred.

**Fred McCorrison** still lives in the Pacific Northwest. He and Deane Shephard have been on the phone with each other to discuss immunotherapy and the treatment of scalp melanoma from which Deane is suffering and from which Fred has recovered.

**Sue Gentry Teehan** says that she has been treated for cancer and endured with difficulty the poking and prodding and operations. She is now fine and has been living in Colorado Springs for the past 26 years. At 70, she retired from Colorado Springs Orthopaedic Group, where she was an appointment/surgery coordinator/telephone operator. (Anybody remember her song at Variety Show "Working on a Switchboard?") After retiring, she has worked the past three years for the El Paso County Elections Department.

Sad news in from **Bill McCraw** whose wife, Cheryl, passed away May 7, 2021. Our sincere condolences, **Bill. Bernard Watson**, a key employee at Hawaiian Airlines, passed away on June 13, 2021 in 'Ewa Beach. A hui hou, Bernard.

**Roy Yee** invited concrete trucks and cement masons over to his house on June 18, to pour a beautiful patio slab. The slab looks down his yard and directly into his boat dock with He'eia fishpond in the background.

## Class of 1962

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Greetings all!

It is with a heavy heart that I write these notes to share with you the loss of two more members of our Class – **Jan Chock** and **Phyllis Carr** Guy. It gets harder to write these notes when having to report such sad news. I guess this comes with our advancing age, but it still hurts each and every time.

In a note that I received from Jan's cousin, **Teri Ting '71**, she advised that Jan had passed away in his Moss Landing, California home on Nov. 3, 2020. After graduation, Jan went on to earn his doctorate in botany from the University of New Hampshire. His career as a college professor, high school and middle school teacher spanned more than 40 years. After retirement, he served as a docent at the Moss Landing Elkhorn Slough National Estuary Research Reserve and pursued his interest in playing the 'ukulele and slack key guitar. He is survived by his wife, Georgette; their children, Jennifer, Jonathan and Maile; and five grandchildren. Our deepest sympathies are extended to them and to Jan's cousin, **Marion Chock** Fay.



In February 2019, these friends from the Class of '61 gathered at Waialae Country Club to enjoy an 'ono lunch and each other's company. Left, front to back: Diantha "Cookie" Lam Leong, Sandy Ako Eagle, Malina Kaulukukui, Maile Chinn Wilkerson and Sharon Botelho Elwell. Right, front to back: Linda Gager Oba, the late Suelyn Ching Tune, Maile Crabb Williams, Linda Yap Wong and Meymo Lemon Rego.



*Terry Cline '62 Wells visited her classmate, Laura Yardley '62, at her beautiful home in Oregon, when Terry and her husband, Bill, took a month-long road trip in the spring.*

**Kanoa '89 and Erin '86.** What a joy to engage again after the long pandemic!"

As you read this, our 60th Class Reunion will be less than a year away. Hopefully, we will be able to gather on campus as we have in the past to share some time together in person. Whatever the case may be, please start thinking about it and look for communication from the Reunion committee as 2021 ends and we get into 2022. Please contact the committee if you'd like to help plan our Reunion!

In the meantime, stay safe and well.

### Class of 1963

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After polling classmates living in Texas, and receiving replies from **Hugh Exton**, **Tom Knudson** and **Mary Jean Cannon Slater**, I heard from **William "Bill" Kerr III**, who joined us senior year after attending high school in Guam, where his father was a cargo ship captain, (and later, Marine Superintendent of the University of Hawai'i's marine research facility on Sand Island).

Bill Kerr, from Macon, Georgia: "Thank you for your most diligent work in keeping track of everyone in our Class. The Punahou Bulletin is really my only means of relating to anyone in the Class. Sadly, I, too, don't have email or phone numbers or contact with Southern Punahouians. My airline career started with Hawaiian Airlines (after two tours of flying helicopters in Vietnam), and was bought, sold or merged through People Express,

I also learned of the passing of Phyllis Carr Guy from her sister-in-law, **Marsha Wright '58** Carr. She wrote that Phyllis had passed away on Feb. 18, 2021. Phyllis and her husband, Keith (who predeceased her), lived in Anacortes, Washington, where they had retired after careers in education – Phyllis at Golden Gate University and Keith at Stanford University. Sincerest sympathies to Phyllis' family as well.

On a lighter note, **Terry Cline** Wells sent an email to our alumni notes editor: "My husband, Bill, and I took a month-long road trip in April, with the main goal being to visit our son, **Brian Wells '91**, and his family in Seattle. On the way up and back, we saw vaccinated friends in Medford, Oregon, including **Tom Conger '57** at his cottage at Rogue Valley Manor, and my classmate, **Laura Yardley '62**, at her beautiful home. Later in our trip, we also reconnected with Cathy and **Robby Ostrem '65**, who recently moved to Edmonds, Oregon, to be near their children,



*A fun get-together for a group of '63ers at Cully Judd's country house near Pipeline. From left: Peter Lee, Mark Buck, Robby Estes, Glenn Perry, Jim Prentice and Cully Judd.*



*William Kerr III '63 at his water-skiing complex, Southern Waters, in Macon, Georgia, overlooking Lake Irene, which he named after his mother.*



*Robert Shimabukuro '63 with his wife, Alice Ito, at Camp Harmony, the 75th Remembrance of the Puyallup Assembly Center internment camp, in 2017. A fond aloha to Robert, who passed away in Seattle, on March 29, 2021. This photo was taken by Allan Davis '63.*

Continental, Northwest Airlines, retiring as a Delta captain.

"I developed my own waterski lake complex of 157 acres, 'Southern Waters,' south of Atlanta. My wife, Karen, and I spend our time managing and selling the few remaining lots. Our joy comes from spending time in our gazebo overlooking the lake." Bill named the lake after his mother, Irene. The pictures he sent are beyond idyllic.

**Allan Davis**, a very close friend of classmate **Robert Sadamu Shimabukuro**, sent a thoughtful remembrance after Bob's passing: "Robert Shimabukuro, journalist, activist, historian, fine woodworker, husband, parent and longtime International Examiner columnist and editor died in Seattle on March 29, 2021. The day before his death, Bob turned in his last column to the Examiner.

"Bob made enormous contributions to the historical record of the incarceration of American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II through an exhibit at Seattle's Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience and the book, 'Born in Seattle: The Campaign for Japanese American Redress.'"

Quoting Bob on how he became a journalist: 'One summer day in 1962, I answered the telephone to hear Ka Punahou editor **Marsha Ogilvie '63** Erickson asking me if I wanted to be the sports editor. 'Uh, I've never done any editing or reporting before. Why are you asking me?' [Marsha replied,] 'Well, Mr. Knauff said you were a good writer, and you knew about sports.' Mr. Knauff, the journalism teacher and faculty adviser for Ka Punahou, had been my English teacher. If he thought I was qualified to do this, it probably was something I could do.'

"Punahou classmates honored Bob at a '70 in Seattle' reunion dinner in 2015. He was thanked by many community representatives, including **Travis Quezon '97**, editor of Seattle's International Examiner. **Dick Sutton** proclaimed **Robby Estes** the "Class of '63 President for Life," and, in turn, Robby declared Sept. 16, 2015, as 'Robert Shimabukuro Day.' Bob graduated from Reed College with a degree in philosophy before becoming a multifaceted professional as yakitori restaurant owner, handmade furniture designer, newspaper columnist and Black and Asian rights activist. He is survived by his wife, Alice Ito; children, Mira and Zenwa; and grandson, Mako. Bob's brother, **Sam Shimabukuro**, also our classmate, passed away in 1988."

**Diane Lum-King Li**: "How many of you are into vegetable gardening? After moving to my little ranch, I cleared some sod and started a small garden with heirloom seeds from Seed Savers Exchange. I was surprised to discover that lima beans are perennial in Hawai'i, and that black cherry tomatoes are the best tasting tomatoes I have ever eaten. Another discovery is that Japanese sweet waxy corn is



better eaten right off the plant, and that Chinese greens are fast-growing and hardy.

"Wind blown grass seeds have since taken over the vegetables, but the weeds help to protect poha berries from marauding chickens. However, hog wire fences could not protect my taro from wild pigs, though one white Kona variety survived because its corms do not rot, and that's the only one that I plant now. I call it 'Pig ProofTaro' since I don't know the Hawaiian name.

"This year after learning that Kent Whealy, founder of Seed Savers Exchange, had retired only a few minutes' drive from our Locavore store, I started the Hawai'i Island Seed Share to distribute heirloom seeds for free or \$1 donation per packet. Hawai'i has a year-round growing climate and we are able to clone heirloom and rare seeds faster than anywhere else. Plus, we need to grow more of our own food. If anyone is interested in starting a Seed Share, please contact me at the email address above."

For inspiration to grow-your-own, read a library copy of Barry Estabrook's, "Tomatoland: How Modern Industrial Agriculture Destroyed Our Most Alluring Fruit," or buy the newer paperback edition, "Tomatoland: From Harvest of Shame to Harvest of Hope." Only patio, no plot? Many vegetable varieties are now available for container gardens, even corn! For more suggestions, contact our green thumbs, **Velma Chong Akinaka** or **Cynthia Auyoung Tanaka**.

## Class of 1964

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It is with much sadness we share with you that **Laurel Murphy** passed away on June 29, 2021. Smart, effervescent and deeply spiritual, she was our friend, and she is greatly missed.

Also passing recently, **Armond Vincent**. Armond, a classmate since 1952, passed away March 31, 2021, after a lifelong career in hotel and restaurant management. I always remembered Armond once told me, "I'll see you at the Waldorf." (He knew that my dad had been the manager there before coming to the Hilton Hawaiian Village.) He was true to his word: after graduating from the University of Hawai'i, he was room service manager and assistant bar manager at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and then, indeed, he did move on to become head maitre'd at the famous Bull and Bear restaurant in the Waldorf Astoria. He ended his career as general manager of David Paul's Diamond Head Grill, Colony Surf Hotel.

We also lost **Clancy Lyman** this spring, to a heart attack, several weeks after Armond. Clancy was a classmate since 1957 and was co-chair of the graduation committee. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in mathematical engineering, then went on to



*Anne Brooks '65 Hormann enjoyed the art installation, "Field of Light," by Bruce Munro in Central California with her husband, Nicholas, and their son, Matt.*

receive an MBA at Stanford University. He eventually became a senior VP with Hawaiian Airlines, from which he retired four years ago. Clancy's Hawai'i roots go deep, back to David Belden and Sara Lyman, who arrived in Hilo as missionaries in 1832. On his mother's side, he is a grandson of William Cormack, who came over from Scotland in the early 1900s and married Dora Bechert. Clancy is remembered as a calm, steady guy, much loved by family, friends, classmates and co-workers.

**Ellen Wheeler** Guest reports that **Hilary Hitch '62** Parker recently stopped by with her sister, **Leslie Hitch '65** Dunbar, to visit a friend, **Anne Wheeler '58** Noble. Leslie didn't know this person Hilary was visiting, but happily went along to visit another Punahou grad. As the sisters walked into Anne's home, Leslie blurted out, "You must be a Wheeler, because you look exactly like Ellen Wheeler!" (Personally, I can't begin to imagine TWO Ellen Wheelers running around!)

Even though **Barbara Denny Moore** only had her senior year with us, she has cherished the memory of that year, "It was a wonderful year that I will never forget. Many wonderful friends, lots of great learning, Carnival was amazing, and our Variety Show was so much fun. To top it off, graduation and our singing extravaganza are blazed into my memory. Punahou will always have fond memories for me." Barbara lives in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, where she has primarily been since graduation from the University of South Carolina. [Moore6468@comcast.net](mailto:Moore6468@comcast.net).

**Gay Irons** Sports, who was with us from 1958 to 1963 (bummer: had to move to Virginia to finish high school!), reports in from Escondido, that she is retired after teaching elementary school in Poway, California (hear that Ellen Guest?), for 32 years. She is divorced and spends much of her time traveling back and forth between California and Maui, where her three children and three grandsons all live.

Reminder: I cannot respond to anymore emails at [JThurston@Janney.com](mailto:JThurston@Janney.com), so please delete that address from your contacts. From now on it is only [villefranche.jt@gmail.com](mailto:villefranche.jt@gmail.com).

Stay well, everyone!

## Class of 1965

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Hello to all you wonderful classmates! Thank you to those who shared news and updates with us!

Sadly, we learned earlier that our classmate, **John Putnam**, had died in Tucson, on Jan. 29, 2021. He volunteered for over 15 years with Mele O Hawai'i, a Hawaiian music program on KXCI radio, and was honored on their website: "John graduated from Punahou and enjoyed attending many of their reunions. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for four years. His love for music and theater led him to attend and graduate from



Sylve Hanson '65 Montalbo enjoyed cross country skiing by the Kenai River near Cooper Landing, in the wide open spaces during the Alaskan winter.

family and friends were everything to her. She somehow managed to blend her devotion to them with her work as a Bank of Hawaii trust officer and volunteer leader at ARCS, PEO and Junior League. Despite leaving us much too soon, Syd hit the jackpot in life. She is survived by a multitude of friends and cousins, two siblings, two stepsons, her successful children and son-in-law and four very accomplished granddaughters – all of whom adored her. No one could ask for more."

What fun to hear from **Anne Brooks** Hormann, who is living in Pasadena. She reports that she is recently retired from California Institute of Technology and is indulging her love of foreign languages by studying both Italian and French. Her pandemic story: "The minute I took the string ties (of my mask) and started to tie them behind my head – my fingers had a flash memory of tying on the top of the Hawaiian print string bikinis we used to wear!" Anyone else have that memory flash?

**Sylve Hanson** Montalbo reached out to us from Anchorage, where she has been living for quite a while. You can see from the photo how she spent much of the past winter. She reports that getting through the pandemic hasn't meant much change in her life since, "nothing outside has ever closed, and we have a lot of outdoors up here to social distance!" She runs an Airbnb property on Kenai Lake and welcomes anyone to come and visit.

Did any of you join the virtual Alumni Lū'au, Buff 'n Blue Together? Will you share your experiences? Also, are any of you members of the Punahou Book Club? Any stories to share? We'd love to hear from you!



A fond aloha to Sydney Pietsch '65 Kenny, who passed away on June 29, 2021, at her home in Kāne'ohe, surrounded by family.

the University of Arizona Department of Fine Arts in Theater Production. Upon graduation, he worked at Old Tucson for several years. As the computer generation took hold, he decided to attend Pima Community College and earn an associate's degree in computer technology. From there, he worked at Raytheon until they instituted a reduction in force. Upon retirement, he returned to his passion for entertainment production and began at KXCI radio. He not only used his skills to assist with their technology, but had a regular show highlighting his love for Hawaiian music." He is survived by his son, Alexander Keoni Putnam, and his ex-wife, Arlene Kutoroff. We will miss his unassuming and kind presence.

**Elaine Evans** wrote: "Sadly, we lost **Sydney Pietsch** Kenny to Parkinson's in June. A friend to all, Syd was a joy from the moment she entered Punahou. With her spirit and grace, she rocked it as a song leader in our senior year. After attending University of the Pacific, Syd married her Punahou sweetheart, **Roy Helbush '63**, and raised their children, **Liza Helbush '88** Wacker and Tyler Helbush, in Kāne'ohe. After several years on her own, she met and married former Academy history teacher, Robert Kenny. The two were married for 25 years until Bob's death in 2014. Syd's

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From **Charlot Albao Boll**:

First and foremost, a big thank you and hugs to everyone who made our 55th Reunion a real celebration. It was AMAZING! **Rick Gaffney** said: "At first I was skeptical that a virtual 55th Reunion could work, but when it became clear we would not be allowed to meet in person, I was game to try to make it happen. With a lot of help from some very helpful, understanding and tech savvy Punahou staffers, we dove into planning. Reunion week came quickly. The idea of Talk Story sessions with an array of classmates offerings turned out to be educational, poignant and well worth the time invested."

**Bill Tam** kicked off the first of five sessions with a legal treatise on water in Hawai'i, which he knows well having literally written the law (book) on the subject. **Peter Easterling** gave a presentation on life in Puna that was realistic,

forthright and funny. **Jeff Lau** shared the incredible stories of Chinese American military heroes from Hawai'i and their long-overdue national honors. **Lolly Nottage Davis** and **Patty Morgan** shared their experiences with the Daughters of Hawai'i and the Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-Kona, and I introduced Kahuna Nui Leimomi Mo'okini Lum of the Mo'okini Heiau in North Kohala.

**Betty Ralston** Giraldo described the virtual Reunion as, "a joyful reconnection as delightful as if we had all been on campus, with the added advantage of seeing each other in our natural habitats of kitchen table, bedroom, guest room, office or garage, or in my case, traveling from LAX to FLL. I am grateful to the energetic Reunion team and all the classmates who shared their talents and knowledge."

**Pam Chun** praised the ingenuity of our Reunion chairs, **Myron Arakawa** and **Suzu Kometani** LaFontaine, to utilize technology to bring the Class together with innovative TalkStory events for our 55th Reunion. From around the world, we could marvel at our achievements and feel enriched. We should keep doing this to keep in touch.

One of our Talk Story presenters, **Peter Easterling**, said: "Using Zoom gave us the flexibility to present in different formats, locales and styles. Being in Puna and talking comfortably with classmates on the East Coast was almost surreal, but happily so. To



*Patty Morgan '66 hosted classmates for special time together on Secret Island at Kualoa.*



*Classmates from '66 reunited over lunch. Front row, from left: Carter Pruyne Reynolds and Charlot Albao Boll. Back row: Debbie King Chillingworth, Louise King Lanzilotti, Deborah Pope and Nina Reppun Carney.*

sense the friendship and our shared years was a surprisingly rich experience – subtle, yet powerful, especially with folks I didn't know well. To me, the vibe was like we were walking out of class saying, 'Sheesh, he really piled on the homework!' I've only Zoomed a few times and I learned plenty. Could be that this will be a regular mode of communication, so I better get better. Lighting, legible notes and make up (just joking)."

As is tradition, our Friday night session was a virtual cocktail party, where having a blast was totally one's own responsibility. **Sharon Conant** Milford said she didn't know what to expect, but it turned out to be one of her favorite events. Having breakout rooms and a chance to talk in a small group was fun. **Doug Austin** shared the sentiment. He enjoyed the more intimate conversations and felt that the ice breaker questions about our years at Punahou added a fun element to the chats. Doug is only sorry that he must wait another five years to be together again. Let's look forward to an in-person gathering with big hugs. Let's not wait five years!

Please stay healthy, happy and strong!



Hal Burchard '66 hosted the Class of '66 Hawai'i Island Reunion at his new home in Waimea that was designed by classmate, Pip White. Front row, from left: George Buntrock, Steve Lambert and Jay Lambert. Back row: Pip White, Sharie Chapman Schouweiler, Rick Gaffney, Doug Johnson, Debbie King Chillingworth, Julie Haynie Cline-Maurer, Hal Burchard, Carter Pruyun Reynolds, Lolly Nottage Davis, Rick Schaefer, David Young and Cotta Schoenberg.

**From Patty Morgan:**

An intrepid group of classmates braved the barracuda of Mōli'i Fishpond to have an in person 55th Reunion at the Kualoa Ranch Secret Island site. It was such fun to get together and talk live and in person that no one even thought about swimming, kayaking, playing volleyball or even trying to go poach fish in the pond. We will admit to some casual strolling on the beach. Sandy beach, sea breezes, plenty of shady seating and longtime friends made for a perfect day. Many eclectic conversations took place, with one resounding agreement reached: Let's not wait another five years before getting together again!

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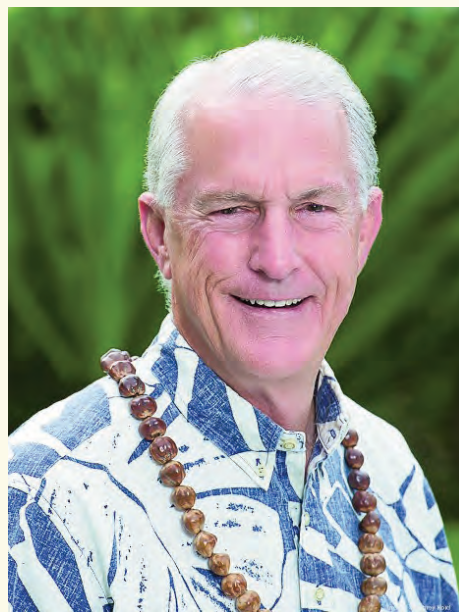
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**Bob Tam and Liane Chang** are enjoying an idyllic retired life— Bob is very happy to have stopped teaching, although he misses the energy and joy of the kids. Hopefully you saw the photos celebrating his career taken by his classroom "publicity committee" given his lack of skills in that area!

**Cathy Gedge Payne** is knee deep in relentless yard work with Jack. She can hear the weeds grow in the Mānoa mist. "It sure keeps me in shape. Jack has the green thumb, so we harvest apple banana, mixed greens, arugula, papaya and lots of fresh herbs – made pesto with our basil just yesterday. I continue to see



These '66 classmates had a chance run-in at Outrigger Canoe Club. From left: Myron Arakawa, Richard Barcheski, Carter Pruyun Reynolds, Debbie King Chillingworth and Sharie Chapman Schouweiler.



**Mike White '67**, general manager of the Kā'anapali Beach Hotel and a Pacific Business News 2021 Pineapple Award honoree.



John and Nancy Somers '67 Shaw at Grewingk Glacier Lake, Alaska.

my Punahou cronies **Leinaala Lundberg Freitas**, **Kai Davis Nelson** and **Allene Richardson '66** Suemori. We are not dining in yet, so the gatherings are more of the garage pā'ina kind. No plans to travel in the near future, but hope to holoholo with the grandkids soon. Take care."

From **Nancy Somers Shaw**: "Love that you are transitioning from lawyer to gardener. After my retirement, I found there was no greater pleasure than bringing life to the land and enjoying the bounty it produces. I've got a few beehives to help too. John and I just returned from two weeks of RV camping with our two grandsons in Alaska. Keeping up with teenagers while glacier hiking, dog sledding, ziplining and halibut fishing was a challenge, but lots of fun!"

At first, **Scott Ogle** thought, "Oh boy, I'm boring again this month with nothing worth noting for the Bulletin." Then he got tipped off that the Union Pacific #4014, the "Big Boy," was going to do a test run from the Cheyenne roundhouse to Denver, on Thursday morning. He abandoned previous plans, and went train chasing, meaning standing "trackside in the middle of North Nowhere (Carr, Colorado) in 98-degree heat waiting for the much-delayed train to show up, then racing to another site all day long. "Heaven! They call railfans 'foamers' for good reason!"

After taking a University of Hawai'i online course on Aging and Dying with Dignity in 2020, **Dianne Ige** and **Laurie Randolph White** wanted to dig further into various related

topics, so in 2021 they started meeting every other week and included **Larry Lau** in their talks. "We're all facing the sunset. Many of us have dealt with our parents' aging and end of life. While we cannot avoid death, we are motivated to take more control of our final years and exit." They visited a few care facilities, listened to speakers, read about the stages of dementia, looked into Hawai'i's aid in dying law and watched documentaries and films that confront end-of-life issues. "Updating our advanced health care directives forced us to consider what's important and how to achieve it, and we took a lot of time rewriting them. Because some classmates have expressed interest, we plan to share some of what we've learned with interested classmates later."

I'm sorry to share with you that our classmate, **Robert Warren Lucy**, passed away on April 4, 2021. His sister, **Lauren Lucy '64** Novy, mailed a handwritten note to Punahou.

In its story about **Mike White**, general manager of the Kā'anapali Beach Hotel and the 2021 Pineapple awardee, Pacific Business News celebrated all the ways people in Hawai'i's visitor industry have adapted and survived while still finding ways to help the broader community in 2020, through an unprecedented year.

Mike has led Kā'anapali Beach Hotel and the visitor industry in preserving and supporting the Hawaiian culture for more than 30 years, most notably implementing the Po'okela program, an educational effort to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and values.

"As 'Hawai'i's Most Hawaiian Hotel,' our team at Kā'anapali Beach Hotel is continuously striving to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and immerse our guests in our traditions. In the last year, those efforts looked different! Once Gov. David Ige instilled the 14-day quarantine in March 2020, we made the difficult but imminent decision to shut down the hotel and restaurant. During that period, we received Paycheck Protection Program support and were able to engage employees to work on various property projects.

As we were able to reopen slowly and safely, we continued to place an emphasis on our cultural activities, albeit in smaller and socially distanced groups with mask mandates. Those offerings are elemental to who we are. Thus, we have continued to educate guests both old and new on the Hawaiian way of life, from language lessons and hula classes to Hawaiian weaving and lei making.

Since 1985, I have had the honor of serving as the general manager of the beloved Kā'anapali Beach Hotel. In my 35 years at the helm of this iconic property, I have never witnessed a challenge quite as daunting as COVID-19. However, times of crisis reveal character, and I have been in awe of our Hawai'i tourism community as they responded with wisdom, compassion and a wealth of aloha. As more and more consumers are getting vaccinated and driving demand for travel and into second half of the year, how do we welcome guests back to Hawai'i in a manner that is both healthy and sustainable?

For our team, we will continue to place emphasis on preserving and supporting Hawaiian culture. For over 30 years, our Po'okela program, an educational effort to enhance employees' understanding, has been elemental to who we are as a hotel. The pandemic only strengthened that commitment, and we hope to model sustainability for the entire Hawai'i tourism industry." Plenty kudos to Mike!

Have a joyful and fun-filled 2022!

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Congratulations to **Rocky Higgins**, who joined most of us in retirement in June, after 23 years teaching and coaching at Punahou. Through the years, Rocky was an assistant coach for girls varsity kayaking in 1989 – 1990 and intermediate and junior varsity football in 1991 – 2019. Rocky was the longtime head coach for boys paddling, which kept him away from working with us in the 'Ewa malasadas booth or serving Hawaiian plate the past 20 years, as he usually took his crew to the Neighbor Islands for the state paddling championship race on Carnival weekend. He loved watching the



These '68ers enjoyed a mini reunion at the Inglewood Country Club in Washington. Front row, from left: Linda Fiddler Knutzen, Bruce Marnie, John Francisco, Larry Langley, Sesnita Moepono, Ben Marx, Mary Fingerhut Sherer, Terrill Chang, Kay Simpson Ebert, Bob Brooks, Sara Lea Rowe, Kathy Stubbart Coronetz and Paul Pei. Back row: Eric Greenwood, Julian Monsarrat and Mike MacBride.



Linda and Larry Langley '68 with their grandson, Jackson Laird, who is the son of alumni Thad '94 and Jessica Langley '95 Laird.

journey through Punahou of his sons, **Kainoa '04** and **Sam '06**. He loved being able to coach them, too. Rocky's tireless effort working with Punahou's fourth graders and the Reunion classes doing their community service project hastened the continued revitalization of the Lily Pond. Our Class jumped into the Lily Pond during our 45th and 50th Reunions to clear the debris and cut back the weeds. Rocky is looking forward to relaxing, fishing, getting out in his boat and doing some adventurous traveling now that he has time on his side. I believe Rocky is the last of our classmates who worked at Punahou. **Gale Shepard** Erwin, **Bruce Marnie**, **Robin Rutsch** Beasley, **Wendy Ho** Brizzle, **Kathy Boswell**, **Nani Hoogs** Christensen, **Gale Kumasaki** Wilson and **Steve Piper** preceded Rocky's walk into retirement.

A sunny spring day at Inglewood Country Club north of Seattle greeted **Eric Greenwood**, **Bob Brooks**, **Terrill Chang**, **Kathy Stubbart** Coronetz, **John Francisco**, **Linda Fiddler** Knutzen, **Mike MacBride**, **Sesnita Moepono**, **Ben Marx**, **Kay Simpson** Ebert, **Julian Monsarrat**, **Paul Pei**, **Sara Rowe**, **Mary Fingerhut** Sherer, **Bruce Marnie** and me, as we enjoyed a mini reunion lunch buffet and plenty of time to talk story with each other. After visiting with everyone, Bruce headed out in his RV to Priest River, Idaho, to see former

Punahou physics teacher Jim Kline. Mechanical problems, rain, snow and blizzard conditions forced them to retreat from their intended destination, Yellowstone National Park, and head back to Priest River. Bruce said he will save Yellowstone for another time.

**Bill and Iris Stutzer** Sullivan spent Father's Day weekend at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their kids, Chris and Amy, and their families. Iris made her first hole-in-one a few days earlier at The Club at Cordillera, on the Mountain Course in Edwards, with a perfectly struck 5-wood on the 156-yard 17th hole.

Type in "Law Across the Sea Think Tech" on your computer to access **Mark Shklov's** interviews with Hawai'i business leaders, including one with **Wendy Guy** Goodenow in June. Mark has been doing pro bono work for 'Iolani Palace and other entities since the pandemic started. Mark sometimes sees **Marti Wiese** Rounds and **Pat Kirch** on his walks around his Maunawili neighborhood.

**Peter Fitzgerald**, **Margot Witten** Johnson, **John Saito**, **Kay Ebert**, **Julian Monsarrat** and **Mark Pinkerton** welcomed Dianne and **David Black** to the Pacific Northwest at my home in June. The Blacks, along with their 9-month-old

Sheepadoodle, Brady, drove from their home in Santa Barbara exploring Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

**Steve and Pat Obrock '62 Piper** enjoyed RV camping trips to East Lake, Diamond Lake, Crater Lake and Metolius River in Oregon during the summer.

Herb and **Jennifer Judd** Ching live in Hōlualoa on Hawai'i Island, on the same property as their daughters, Lola and Lisa. Lisa and her husband, Jeff, have twins, Joel and West. Herb and Jennifer met when Herb's sister, Gail, married Jennifer's brother, **Tioni Judd '61**, in 1970. As Jennifer says, it's been wedded bliss ever since 1974. Jennifer is the financial manager for a dermatology practice and Herb is a builder. They raised horses and cattle for 30 years and kept busy ranching and farming from dawn to dusk until the early 2000s before getting back into nine-to-five jobs. Jennifer is looking forward to joining us for our 55th Reunion in June 2023.

Don't know if we will be serving Hawaiian plate at the 2022 Carnival, but we will be having a potluck party at **Lita Thompson** Blankenfeld's Niu Valley home on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022. Details about the potluck and other mini reunions during that week will be emailed to you around the end of the year.



Sisters, Charla Yim '69 Combest and Carla Yim '69 Hickey, visited in Boulder, Colorado.



Friends from '69 celebrated Brenda Lam's birthday at Mid-Pacific Country Club in Kailua. Front row, from left: Lani Oberholzer Twomey and Victoria Judd Hill. Back row: Barbara Pope Medosi, Brenda Lam and Vicki Sandelin Reisner.

## Class of 1969

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From **Charla Yim Combest**: "**Carla Yim Hickey** and I recently had dinner in her lovely backyard in Boulder, Colorado, where she resides with her husband and family. I drove down from beautiful Glenwood Springs to celebrate good health for our families throughout this tough, crazy, long year along with the joy of physically being together! I have been a freelance interior designer for years, and I have been blessed with a wonderful husband for 25 years. I am in my "ReWirement" years – learning to navigate with curiosity – new adventures, relationships and living! Punahou is a special place; every Reunion for me is a highlight of that year. Carla and I look forward to celebrating our 39th birthday (wink, wink) somewhere a bit more exotic this year as the world begins to open up!"

From **Jane Benson**: "As I write this, I am comfortably recovering from the record heat wave we had in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. I naively thought that living in a historic little town on the water in the South Sound would protect me from the heat waves that one often finds in other places in Washington. **Scott Ripperton** lives on Fox Island, not far from me, and I am sure that even though he is surrounded by water he was hit with the heat too. I longed for the tradewinds of

Hawai'i. Otherwise, life is good. I joined a mahjong group last year, and just as I was starting to get the hang of it, COVID-19 hit. We started meeting again about a month ago, and our brains are all working hard remembering how to play. Left hip replacement probably in September – looking forward to not having the pain and being to walk and hike in comfort. Also, I hope to get together with Charla Yim Combest and **Elaine Richmond**. The last time we tried to get together several years ago, we had to cancel because a truck ran through Charla's garage. I hate when that happens. Love and aloha to you all."

**Kurt Gronau** reports from Miami that this is his 12th year being an Administrative Law Judge with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Kurt met Denise Azan in Miami, and they married in 2015. He says that the work is mentally challenging, as there seems to be a new medical or legal issue every week. He appreciates working from home exclusively and being able to conduct hearings by telephone and video conference. Mostly he emphasized that the business of judging is a far cry from being a litigator and that his assumed knowledge of the job was perfunctory, at best. "You have to learn to truly listen ..." he writes. His appointment will last until he wants to retire, but that is not anytime soon, because work is too rewarding. Kurt and Denise enjoy romantic dinners, cooking and (now) traveling.

We send our sincere condolences to **Julia Wo**, whose father, **James Wo '43**, passed away in April 2021.



Wynn Wong '70 showed his Punahou spirit in a specially designed outfit and matching shoes. Wynn's shirt was fashioned out of the 175th anniversary material and fabricated in Hong Kong. Wynn also brought a piece of Hawai'i to Tacoma by serving shave ice and malasadas.



Classmates, Susan Abe Oi, Siota Ah Ching-York, Dita Ramler-Reppun, Louise Ing and Jodee Farm, performed hula at the Class of '70 Memorial service wearing outfits designed by Siota.

### Class of 1970

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When the 2020 Alumni Lū'au honoring our Class started to fade from our calendars and our Reunion seemed uncertain, our 50th Reunion committee stayed on task as **Gary Pacarro** refused to give up. Gary often proclaimed, "We need closure." We called upon several guiding principles in the intervening months, but the offering tendered by **Gail Simpson Owen**, "Let's be different –

TOGETHER!" proved to be both inspirational and prophetic. Over a six-week period in June and July, classmates gathered on Maui at Nāpili Bay, Waimānalo at Hale Pōhaku and in Tacoma, Washington. Gary, Lisa and I (Will), **Steve Emura**, **Max Sword** and **Louise Ing** and Mike Sitch completed the Reunion trifecta together.

The challenge as Class correspondent has been to synthesize scores of conversations and hundreds of photos into the space limitations of our Alumni notes. Thanks to our talented photographers – **Eric Yanagi**, **Lauren Nottage** Hogan, **Wynn Wong** and Louise Ing, we will continue to share these memories on Facebook and our Class website.

Our Class has been forever blessed by the unique talent of our musicians and charmed vocalists. They drew us together in every zip code. At any given time, a mixed collection of Gary, Steve, Max, **Keith Davis**, **Mike Kometani**, **Joan Gossett** and **Bonnie King** Murphy guided us in song, laughter and tears. With a month to prepare for Tacoma, Bonnie stole the show with a medley of our graduation songs, while adorned in **Beverley Walton's** graduation holo kū. Across each venue, we were further enchanted by the hula magic of Louise Ing, **Siota Ah Ching-York**, **Susan Abe Oi**, **Dita Ramler-Reppun**, **Jodee Farm**, **Laola Lake Aea**, **Marion Lyman-Mersereau**, **D.C. Mist Eichelberger**, **Shea Reiner '71** Mounts, **Joey Takehara '72** Hendrickson and Maile Ostrem.

Gary set the vision for the weekend on Maui, which was superbly executed and blessed by the kiss of a light rain and bright rainbow hovering over Moloka'i as we departed. It was wonderful to spend time with **Janice Johnston**



Friends from the Class of '70, Will Morris, Randy Bisho, Gary Pacarro and Jim Scott, have recreated this Reunion picture for decades.





Mindy Pennybacker '70 Wallace, Will Morris '70 and Lisa Morris reunite in Waimānalo after Mindy and her husband, Don, stayed with Will and Lisa in Texas in May.



Classmates caught up with each other at the Class of '71 brunch at Waiālae Country Club, which honored classmates who have gone over the rainbow. Front row, from left: Laura Ing Baker, Nolan Ramirez and Liane Chong Takara. Back row: Debbie Phillips and Laurie Ross Gardner.

Primiano, **Shelley Midkiff**, **Cindy Beardmore** Sydow, **Ricky Cassidy**, **Charlie Mayfield** and **Carver Wilson** for the first time in many years. **Rosalyn Loomis** Meyer and **Gwen Gronau '72** Pacarro guided our daily hikes, with the more agile descending the cliffs into the water below the Cliff House. Among Gary's many Reunion hats, he was the grill master for a beachside feast, aided by **Bub Wo** and Paul Meyer (Rosalyn's husband) as sous chefs in training.

Our beachside memorial service in Waimānalo celebrated the lives of 60 classmates. Marion planned an emotional celebration coordinated with Gary, Steve, **Jim Scott**, **Kathie Kagawa** and me. The service was livestreamed on Facebook and can still be viewed on Facebook at [bit.ly/3iU4GWA](https://bit.ly/3iU4GWA). The service starts at about 36 minutes. Please view the entire video to capture the beauty of Hale Pōhaku and the essence of our classmates. As the name of each departed classmate was read, a stone bearing their name was placed in a lauhala basket that was carried out beyond the breakwater by kayakers, **John Mounts** and **Doug Ostrem**, and laid to rest, forever marking our sacred space.

**Heather Forsythe-Auchter** and **Dara Love** Duncan added a California flare to our week on O'ahu, giving us all much to smile about.

The Pacific Northwest gathering in Tacoma was the first of my visions for regional mini Class Reunions in the years between our scheduled Reunions. Our local committee of

**Betsy Mills** Skevington, **Joan Vannatta** Larson, **Beverley Walton** and **Allen Tom** teamed with me and Gary to create an amazing weekend with 32 classmates and spouses. Although Betsy had not seen most of us in over 50 years, she stepped up and hosted the Friday night gathering at her house, then also the Saturday event at her daughter's house, both overlooking Puget Sound. Tacoma attracted classmates for whom the traditional Reunion had not been possible for the past 25 – 50 years, including **Baba Kreutz** (Oregon), **Doug Piper** (and golden retriever, Kaia) (Oregon), **Bruce Weissich** (Nevada), **Greg Arnold** (Idaho), **Joanne Fahrenwald** (Idaho) and **Lisa Yee** (New York). In addition to the boys in the band, Siota Ah Ching-York and **John Bustard** traveled from Hawai'i. **Frank Washburn '71** and **Joey Takehara '72** Hendrickson joined us as well.

My wife, Lisa, was tagged as the unofficial chairperson of the unofficial "Punahou Spouses' Association." She enjoyed welcoming Bruce Larson (Joan), Rich Skevington (Betsy), Steve Primiano (Janice), Marian Yee (Wynn) and Rita Agnew (Allen) to their first exposure to the Class of 1970 and all that is Punahou. It is always good to see veteran spouses, George Murphy (Bonnie), Paul Meyer (Rosalyn) and Bob Bowlus (Lauren) at our smaller venues.

We are truly meeting Gail's challenge of being different together. I believe we are experiencing a new intimacy, trust and joy in our wisdom years. The energy of our 'ohana exceeded even

my expectations – and we all know how I set expectations.

We are in the process of planning mini Class Reunions in San Diego and New England – stay tuned! It's getting exciting!

## Class of 1971

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We started planning our 50th Reunion over one year ago under the dark cloud of the pandemic. Since Punahou was unable to have in-person gatherings, we planned our own Reunion with a luncheon, an event with classmates sharing their stories of the past 50 years, an after-golf potluck and a beachfront flower scattering ceremony honoring classmates who have passed.

Here are comments from **Milton "Sumo" Ebesu**: "Aloha. Please extend a thank you to the Reunion committee for me. I saw all the work and preparation. Could not believe it. Everything was lovely and touching.

"Our Potluck: The tent, the bamboo and flowers. And the food! Nothing like that in Omaha. I'm sure I put on weight. The aloha shirt and T-shirt design were beautiful.

"(**Lailan Yee** McGrath and **Dave Sonoda's**) graduation picture video almost made me cry. I watched it several times, the music had me singing along and each picture brought back personal memories of each person. First class



The Class of '71 Reunion Committee with their amazing 50th Reunion Class Gift! With 183 gifts, the Class of '71 achieved 48% Class participation – and all during the pandemic!



Class of '71 classmates, Patty Kugiya Schmitz, Wynnie Lee, Sherry Young, Lei'ohu Ryder, Momi Kay Vincent and Liane Chong Takara, at Kahala Beach, prior to their Class Memorial service paddle-out.



Pat Lam, Stan Kuriyama, Hugh Yamaguchi and Rodwin Wong had a great time at the Class of '71 Reunion lunch at Jade Dynasty Restaurant.

professional production. That was our Class singing from graduation! Just incredible. We sounded pretty good. **Lloyd Kawakami's** video was well produced and funny. I know **Mike Robello** is laughing. Lloyd was right on in many ways.

"Pulling up to the Talk Story, I knew I had the right place with the huge banner flying in front of the church. It also gave some quiet time to talk to people and catch up. Made the 50 years disappear, and I was back in school just talking to friends. Wonderful lunch at Jade Dynasty. **Buzzy Wo** picked the menu. He always had good taste.

The Sunday memorial ceremony made me shed a tear. The conch shell blowers and **Lei'ohu Ryder's** chanting made it so special. We have lost lots of friends too soon, but the memorial brought them back. The singing at the end was a chicken skin moment. I remembered all the words, even though I hadn't sung them in 50 years. Please thank all of the members of the committee for me. The Reunion brought me HOME to my friends."

**Susan Groom** Lovelace from Connecticut: "The '71 Reunion Zoom was masterfully orchestrated by **Edith Beard** Brady. About 40 classmates from around the country met as a group and in breakout rooms, many in our Class aloha wear. Those on the call, unable to join our in-person events included **Caroline Ralston** Brethauer, Virginia; **Roberta Rath** Cullen, Florida; **Janis Ewing** Adams, Texas; **Lailan Yee** McGrath, **Betsy Goss** Stilwell, **Bonnie Wong** Yee, **Tom Wong**, California; **Todd Linsenmeyer**, New Jersey; **Daniel Kanahale**, Maui; **Stephanie Fitzpatrick**, O'ahu; **Tom Hayakawa**, **Lani Leary** Houck, North Carolina; **Brian Moore**, Nebraska; **Karen Kuckhahn** Kehl, Wisconsin; **Willa Cox**, New York; **Joan Ashford** Wellsmore and **Terri Alexander**, Washington. There were questions to guide us, but conversation flowed freely after 50 years! It was a new way to build our Class community as we reached across time and space to share our past and present. We all agreed to Zoom chat again soon. Don't miss it!"

From **Meg Paty** Wolter:

"There is something very special about gathering with high school classmates 50 years later. To be with many who knew **John Wolter** and hear their stories of him warmed my heart. But to hear stories of personal challenge and growth over the decades enriched all of us. We are indeed wiser, kinder and more grace filled. Aging is not so bad when you do it with friends adding a deep richness to our journey."

We had three special field trips: Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center organized by **Betsy Anderson** Clark, Liljestrand House and Mānoa Heritage Center. Each highlighted a special place on O'ahu. We were fortunate to have **Chip Moore's** dad, **Willson Moore '46**, conduct the tour of the Mānoa Heritage Center!



At the Class of '71's post-golf event, classmates Laurel Bowers Husain, Frank Washburn and Jane Goodsill showed off the 50th Reunion poster of a painting by Janet Stevens, modeled on night blooming cereus photos by Martha Mesrobian Lanzas.



Classmates Susie Shim, Momi Kay Vincent, Shelley Pang, Martha Mesrobian Lanzas and Edith Beard Brady at the Class of '71 Reunion merchandise pick-up at Case Middle School, during Alumni Week.

Special mahalo to Reunion Chairs: **Jane Goodsill, Randy Chung**. Class Gift Chairs: **Laura Ing Baker, Stan Kuriyama, Cynthia Char Ong**. Aloha Attire: **Shea Reiner Mounts, Laurel Bowers Husain**. Video Creation: **Lailan Yee McGrath**. Photographer: **David Sonoda**. Memorial Service: **Betsy Goss Stilwell, Frank Washburn, Lei'ohu Ryder, Shea Reiner Mounts, Momi Kay Vincent's grandkeiki**. Blogmasters: **Edith Beard Brady, Pauline Morihara Kim**. Executive Director: **Liane L. Chong**. Chief Satirist: **Lloyd Kawakami**. Musicians: **Speedy Bailey, Jimmy Lota**. Talk Story: **Patty Kugiya Schmitz, Liane Chong Takara**. Talk Story speakers: **Marvin Dang, Mike Sayama, Cary Matsushige, Brooke Young Nasby, Shea Reiner Mounts, Frank Washburn, Martin Rabbett, Laurel Bowers Husain, Lloyd Kawakami**. Potluck: **Willie Lum, Percy Wong**. Waiialae Brunch: **Randy Chung, Buzzy Wo, Les Kohashi, Steve Sofos, Kevin Chang, Lloyd Kawakami, Herbert Chinn, Stan Kuriyama**. Flower Release: **Mike Tosaki, Nolan Ramirez**. Golf: **Steve Chang**. Memory Book: **Marny Creveling-Buck, Bonnie Wong Yee, Tom Hayakawa**. Artists: **Janet Stevens, Martha Mesrobian Lanzas**. Mahalo to Laurel Bowers Husain and Willie Lum for filling all the puka.

Finally, congratulations to Laura Ing Baker for receiving the Old School Award from the Punahou Alumni Association! Along with serving as Reunion Committee Chair in 2006, 2011 and 2016 and Class Gift Chair this year, she was the Punahou Alumni Association president in 2019 and has served on its board for the past 10 years.

**Class of 1972** **50<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
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Greetings, classmates. We are now on the official countdown to our 50th Reunion that will be held in June 2022. This is a milestone celebration you won't want to miss. *E ho'i hou i Punahou! – Let's return to Punahou!*

By now you will have received correspondence via email or snail mail with information about the activities and special events planned for our Voyager-themed Reunion Week (June 6–12) and pre-Reunion weekend on Maui (June 2–5). Our new Class website, [punahou72.com](http://punahou72.com), is being updated as we confirm dates and details, so visit often! Be sure to check out the Apparel page as well. Although the deadline to order our custom-designed aloha wear and fabric has passed, other apparel items and merchandise in our Voyager '72 Collection will be added to our online store in the coming months, featuring our double-hull voyaging canoe logo.

Look for Reunion registration packets in spring 2022.

Now that so many of us are used to connecting with friends, family, co-workers, patients and clients on various video conferencing platforms (thank you, COVID-19), classmates across multiple time zones have been able to join the

Reunion planning committee through virtual meetings. Good fun! There will be lots of other ways that classmates can help, before and during Reunion Week, from picking greens and decorating, to checking in guests at one of the activities. You'll find a list on the website. It's a great way to get reacquainted with folks you haven't seen in a long time, maybe 50 years.

Speaking of getting reacquainted, **Jim Anderson** sent in this update in May: "I'm a PA (physician assistant) in my 21st year. Still loving the work. I work in addiction medicine, as I have for most of my career. I work at Evergreen Treatment Services, an opioid treatment program in Seattle. I stay busy with my work as well as my role as a commissioner on the Washington Medical Commission, the Washington Department of Health body that oversees the practice of MDs and PAs in the state. I'm also the president of the Society of PAs in Addiction Medicine. I think often of my Punahou friends. Last year, I was able to hang with my good friends, **Jeff Crabtree** and **Annie Bouslog**, at one of my neighborhood breweries. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the big Five-0 Reunion. Go Buff 'n Blue! Love to hear from classmates at [j.eddy.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:j.eddy.anderson@gmail.com)."

On a tasting note, Master Sommelier **Chuck Furuya** and his son, Kale, launched a podcast-turned-YouTube series called, "Chuck Furuya Uncorked," that explores "fine wines and local grinds" and provides tips for enjoying wines at home. Find it at [chuckfuruyauncorked.com](http://chuckfuruyauncorked.com).

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Aloha kākou!

The seasons have quickly passed as we welcome changes in temperatures and beautiful colors of fall.

Great to hear from **Charlotte Norris**, who lives in Eugene, Oregon. As the list of classmates in Southern Oregon grows, we are aiming to have a mini reunion next year. Make sure you update your addresses at [addresschange@punahou.edu](mailto:addresschange@punahou.edu), so we can contact you!

Do you know a college professor that has had a "positive, stimulating and nurturing influence upon students over an extended period of

time?" Yes! We all do! The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture awarded the Distinguished Professor of 2021 to our classmate **Alison Kwok**. Alison is one of only five professors nationwide to receive this designation. The head of the department of architecture at the University of Oregon noted, "Alison has been inspiring students and architects toward combating climate change with popular books that clarify key principles and illustrate them with beautiful cutting-edge examples." Alison is a pioneer in education and was named twice as one of the most admired professors. Alison, you are amazing! I wish more professors were like you! Congratulations! You are changing lives and the world we live in!



Cheryl Narver '73 and Chickie Lee '73 Guillaume with Chickie's first baby goat, Fred. Since this picture was taken, Chickie has added another goat, Barney, to her hobby farm.

Great to hear that **Mac Silvester** has retired and now works part time at a local REI bike shop. Mac's wife, Diane, retired in March, and works part time as a public health nutritionist. After getting vaccinated, they took a 12-day road trip through the Midwest, to Texas and onto the East Coast. They had a great time visiting and catching up with Mac's calabash sister, **Patti Clift Palomar**, in Fleming Island, Florida. They love the Northwest and have been out to hike the Cascades and visit Seattle. Mac will be riding in his seventh Face of America cycling event – a two-day, 110-mile annual ride that honors military veterans, wounded warriors and active-duty participants. The adaptive cycle ride travels from Arlington Cemetery to the battlefields of Gettysburg. Mac, mahalo for always supporting your community.

**Linda Lamansky** says, "Hola" from New Mexico! Linda recently resigned her nursing position in Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, with the Department of Health and moved to New Mexico with her two cats, Malosi and Sofia. Linda is living in Los Ranchos, along the Rio Grande, surrounded by beautiful mountains, birds, coyotes, horses, goats and sheep. She volunteers at the Rio Grande Nature Center, caring for hummingbirds and enjoys hiking, biking and lots of gardening! That's what retirement is all about! Enjoy, Linda!

Sending aloha to our classmates who have recently lost a loved one – **Ric Wo, June Howe Sandrich and Mark Abramson**. May love and prayers surround each one of you and your 'ohana.

With many of us reaching the age of 66 (or so), financial advisers note that we should be enjoying the freedom of owning our homes and living debt free. Let's all be grateful for what we've worked so hard to enjoy. Now we have the freedom to travel and enjoy life. Let's embrace all our blessings.

Aloha,  
 Chickie



Diane Silvester, Patti Clift '73 Palomar and Mac Silvester '73 had a great time catching up in Fleming Island, Florida.

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With the craziness of the current real estate market in Hawai'i and across the nation, I'm using a bit of the Fourth of July holiday to catch up on things. I took a walk on Kailua Beach early in the morning. It was nice to be by the ocean. I enjoyed it for those of you that are not near one.

I gather many of us have been through the Medicare thing by now. Sixty-five? How did that happen? I used to tell my daughters when they were growing up that no matter how old I got, I still felt like I was a teenager. Now that my daughter is almost in her late 30s, she understands what I meant and thankfully feels the same. I hope you are feeling young too! Anyway, I'll be happy to see all the Medicare related mail stop, ha ha!

**John Morgan** sent in a great picture for this column. John noted that **David Jones** and his wife, Nancy, were in town staying at their house at Mālaekahana for a few weeks (my favorite bay!). The photo was taken when **Mark Cunningham**, **Bill Price**, David and John had dinner at **Leighton Lam**'s home, with their wives joining them as well. Sounds like a great reunion!

I have the fun of seeing **Ann Martin** on the golf course at least once a month. She retired in May 2020 from Hawaii Modular Space as territory manager, after 25 years with the company.

With pandemic restrictions finally relaxed, classmates were ready to travel and visit family, including **Lynette Lo** Kanda, and **Frank** and **Lisa Marciel '75 Izuta**. I was happy to have a visit here with my daughter, **Michelle '02**, her husband and my grandson in April.

That's all I have for now. Please send me news that I can share with classmates. As we approach retirement (yikes!), please share what your plans are! We would love to know!

Take care.



*Friends from the Class of '74, Mark Cunningham, Bill Price, Leighton Lam, David Jones and John Morgan, enjoyed dinner at Leighton's home in Honolulu.*

## Class of 1975

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Well, my goodness. By the time you read these words, most of 2021 will be behind us. In my life that means that I have traveled home to O'ahu twice this year, experienced my son graduating from high school and going off to college and reconnected with classmates for a 45th in our 46th Reunion weekend. How about you? What have you been up to this year?

If you were able to participate virtually in Alumni Week 2021 through the Punahou website, then you know the School did a



*Allan Wang '75 at his Hōlualoa coffee plantation as featured in Island Scene magazine in 2021.*

terrific job. Not to be outdone or left behind, your Reunion Committee members planned some fun events too. **Heaton Wrenn**, **Lisa Marciel Izuta**, **Bruce Fink**, **Mike Ratiani** and **Anne Swanson** Bancroft hosted a Zoom event for our Class on Friday, June 11. It was a huge success! The time and effort put into making the virtual gathering run smoothly was surely

appreciated by all who participated. The trivia topic, the nicknames vs. real name games, the birthday shout-outs, the prize giveaways (thank goodness local **Beth Tarter** won the quilt) all added to the banter and fun. As Mike said later: "Who knew that the awful pandemic would lead to this wonderful mechanism that is bringing our classmates



A group of '75 classmates enjoyed a Reunion beach party at the Case 'ohana beach house on Mālaekahana Bay, during the short window in June, when it appeared safe for vaccinated people to gather. Front row, from left: Peter Thacker, Val Gomes Crabbe, Erin Palmer, Marvi Rosehill Ching, Carin Case, Alan Young, Faye Katano Okawa, Cathy Kaho'ohanohano and Billiejean Kam-Takashima. Back row: Jan Matsumoto Davey, Mei-Ling Yee Spearing, Darlene Leong Holston, Allan Wang, Eric Yee, Lisa Marciel Izuta, LeAne Francisco Mactagone, Carrie Nottage Smith, Laura Mayfield Fink and Bruce Fink.

together." If you are interested in participating in what are now monthly virtual get-togethers, please email Heaton at [cubuff2526@comcast.net](mailto:cubuff2526@comcast.net) to get on the Zoom list. You won't be sorry. It really is a lot of fun!

Also, to celebrate our belated 45th Reunion, and to have a good excuse for drinks and pūpū, **Skip Hill** and his wife, Rondi, hosted a Saturday evening party at their lovely home in Hawai'i Kai. On Sunday, I hosted a beach day on the North Shore for more good kau kau and talk story time. Look around this column as there are photos of these two gatherings.

I'm saddened to tell you of news I received from Alan Viloria that his brother and our classmate, **Emilio Viloria**, passed away in February 2019 of natural causes. He had

returned home to Waialua after retiring from the Boeing Corporation and living in Washington State for 38 years. Alan told me that Emilio shared lots of stories over the years about times spent with his Punahou friends, specifically **Sam Pennington** and **Duane Akina**. Emilio had a smile that rarely quit and that puka shell necklace ... Our condolences to Emilio's 'ohana.

**Connie Hale** Ganahl sent an update about her life. Constance continues to write articles and books, her most popular being, "Sin and Syntax: How to Craft Wicked Good Prose," which is 20 years old, but continues to sell! She credits her Punahou classes and teacher Ed Moore as the inspiration for her love of writing. Connie is doing more and more editing these days, which she says she loves. At the time of

her email to me, she was working on, "Imagine: Reflections on Peace," which is a big, weighty project with big, weighty journalists and photographers. She balances the big stuff by doing more light-hearted work. Currently this means editing books written by two Punahou alumni from the Class of '59. How cool is that?

Check out the article on **Allan Wang** in Island Scene magazine, [islandscene.com](http://islandscene.com). An allergist, Allan returned from Boston in 1995, when his father fell ill. After planting their first orchard in 1998, Allan and his late husband, Tom Humphreys, produced their first crop in 2001, and Aikane Kona Coffee was born. Their award-winning coffee is sold worldwide, direct to the consumer. The farm has grown from 60 trees on six acres to 4,000 trees on 11 acres. Despite the challenges facing Kona coffee farming, Allan finds capturing Hawai'i's sun, soil and rain in a tasty terroir fulfilling and complements his patient care.

As always, thank you to my news agent at DDA! You know who you are.

With aloha,  
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Aloha, '76ers!

Wow! Despite a bajillion hurdles, our classmates managed to pull off a terrific 45th virtual Reunion! Hopefully you were able to tune in at some point! A tip of the hat to the entire Reunion committee, and specifically to



A soiree of '76ers at Café Asia in Niu Valley. From left: Brenda Wong Yim, Carol Matsukage Okada, Allison Shigezawa, Karla Kam and Laurie Ishida Oue.



*Susan Ooka '76 Nishida, Frandee Lum '76 and Ronda Ching '77 Day, met up at Big City Diner in Kaimukī on Memorial Day. Susan is in her 10th year as a physician at the University of Hawai'i Student Health Clinic, and all of her kids have graduated from Punahou – Jeffery '10, Jonathan '12 and Jenna '13.*

our fearless captain, **Willy Falk**, who rallied the team to embrace the pivot when plans for an in-person Reunion had to be scuttled. Willy's organizational skills, cheerleading, ambassadorship and eternal optimism turned lemonade into fine wine!

Alumni Week began early with Punahou's "Festival of Ideas" – a virtual conference focused on innovation in Hawai'i and beyond. **Steve Case** was the keynote speaker, and along with his wife, Jean, participated in a "Shark Tank"-style pitch-to-the-pros contest for student ventures. (Many of the sessions are available to view in the on-demand library of Punahou's Alumni Week Virtual HQ. [bit.ly/3gTJWYf](http://bit.ly/3gTJWYf))

The Reunion partying started Friday night with our "Spirit of '76 Welcome Party!" Proof-positive that you can teach old dogs new tricks as classmates convened via a new online meeting platform – Rally. There might have been a few hiccups that evening – some attributable to the signature cocktails (more on that in a moment) and some attributable to everyone learning Rally in real time. By the end of the weekend, most folks agreed that it was a super-fun alternative to Zoom. Novices were greeted and gently initiated into the

world of Rally by our gracious hosts, Willy, **SaraKatherine Goldsmith** and **Vickie Fullard-Leo**. The tag-team of **Tina Hoogs** and **Dave Jesmer** emceed the Class trivia game. (Big shout-out to trivia winner **Patti Maehara** Eisinger! Her prize for being the biggest '76 know-it-all? She is automatically ordained Chair of our 50th Reunion!)

Did somebody say cocktails? Yes, even though the bar wasn't hosted, libations abounded, so a tipsy shoutout to beverage sommelier and social media liaison, **Laurie Ishida Oue**, who coerced Matt Kua, bar manager at The Pig & The Lady, to create three signature drinks: The Spirit of '76, The Tiger Tom Collins and, for teetotalers, The Hibiscus Hotspot Cooler. No last call for '76ers! The recipes (along with several of the "Where Am I Now?" videos) are available on our Facebook page!

Conventional wisdom would say that the highlight of Reunion weekend would be the Saturday Alumni Lū'au, but for '76ers the Saturday spotlight shone brightest on "The Raymond & Willy Show," aka "Someone's in the Kitchen with Raymond," where senior Class prez, **Raymond** "Just Say Yes to" **Noh**, prepared a cornucopia of 'ono kau kau in **Sherry Bush Curtis'** amazingly appointed

kitchen. He was ably assisted by Sherry, Raymond's fiancée, Aimee, and deftly manning the kitchen cam to capture the shenanigans was **Cammy Spencer!** (Willy provided colorful commentary from the sidelines of New York.)

The emotional highlight came on Sunday morning at the Class Memorial service. Kahu Lahela **Arna Johnson** provided the beautiful oli and welcome, and we viewed a profoundly moving memorial video created by Cammy. Love and memories were shared, and more than a few tears were shed for dear friends, gone too soon.

And den ... the weekend ended with a brilliant broadcast of our boffo blockbuster Variety Show, "Hibiscus Hotspot Tours, or ... When I'm Calling You ... (I'll Call Collect)." One more shoutout to Cammy! Being able to view this ancient video is solely thanks to her tenacious persistence, in so many ways. First, the dusty video had to be located and retrieved from deep within the Punahou vaults. Then, when she saw what state it was in, Cammy applied all her skills in the dark art of Filmmaking Magic to make it watchable. It's never going to win a cinematography award, but the picture was good enough that the laughs and applause and Zoom chat were constant. Bravo, kudos and hana hou! (And I hate to sound like a broken record about joining our Facebook page, but we are going to provide a private link to the video from there, so you can watch "Cockfight Gavotte" or "Hotel Street L'Apache" over and over again!)

In addition to those mentioned above, a big mahalo to committee members **Sybil Yee** Saito and **Beth Bartz** Kingery. A huge shoutout to **Li-Ann Wong**, who led the gift committee (with able assists from **Maureen Doty** Taylor and **Peggy Rigler** Taylor) driving our classmates to participate in astounding numbers. Our Class gift (numbers are still being tallied) shows the spirit of '76 is alive and well. (Kudos too to our tireless liaisons from the Alumni Relations team, who gamely smiled and put up with all our shenanigans.)

In the best of all worlds, Alumni Lū'au will be in person again well before our 50th (mark your calendars, June 2026!). In the meantime, so many classmates had such a good time with these remote get-togethers that we're hoping to do them regularly year-round on a small, one-event-per-quarter scale. Keep your eyes peeled (on our Facebook page (natch) or via email) for news!

Speaking of news, we'd be remiss if we didn't implore you – yes, YOU – to send us something for the next Class column. Where are you? What are you doing? Tell us something good!

Aloha,

Dede and Tuck



Tom Black '77 bumped into classmate, Joey Watts, when he took a side trip to Pacific City, Oregon, on a road trip to the coast. Joey lives in Hilo with his partner, Annie, and their hānai grandson, Jonah.



The Mills family gathered on Vashon Island, Washington, in May 2021 to celebrate matriarch Patsy Mills' 94th birthday. They also shared a toast in honor of their late brother, Jay Mills '72, who passed away in October 2020. From left: Carol Mills '76, Peter Mills '73, Betsy Mills '70 Skevington, Patsy Mills, Sue Mills '78 Suttich and Malia Mills '85.

## Class of 1977

**45<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
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### From Tom Black:

During a kayaking adventure in late June on the North Santiam River and the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, I met up with our classmates, **Jeff Vorfeld** and **Eric Kama**, on two separate occasions. Jeff and his family recently moved back to Albany, Oregon, after living the country life in the outskirts of Southwest Eugene. Jeff and I met for a couple of beers and a meal at the Calapooia Brewery in Albany. We reminisced about growing up in Hawai'i during the 1960s. Jeff lived in Lahaina, Maui, on the Puamana homestead (the Farden Estate made famous by the same named song), and I grew up on O'ahu, in the Makiki area. We talked about our early childhood friends and youthful adventures.

Eric Kama is alive, well and living in Salem, Oregon, with his wife, Jody, and daughter, Christina. He retired last year from his job with the Oregon State Corrections Department and now puts his full attention on his barbecue catering business and continues to coach high school football at Cascade High School. I can attest that Eric is an excellent cook since I inhaled a dinner plate of his pork ribs and pulled pork during my visit with him in

North Salem, on the way back from my white-water kayaking weekend adventure.

During the end of a historical June heat wave, which hit the West Coast with record multi-day, 100-plus-degree temperatures, I was one of the many who escaped the Portland Metro area and headed to the Oregon coast for some relief from the heat. While making a side trip to Pacific City, who did I just happen to bump into ... **Joey Watts!** Joey and I were in a small restaurant; he was ordering pizza for his family, and I had been shooting some pool. Joey and I looked at each other and didn't react at first until I approached him outside the restaurant as I was leaving and asked him if he was indeed Joey Watts. He confirmed that he was ... what are the odds of that chance meeting?! Joey lives in Hilo, and was visiting his relatives with his life partner, Annie, and their hānai grandson, Jonah. We had a short, but fun visit with one another and watched Jonah perform some of his skateboarding tricks. Joey was heading south to California to see other relatives, but not before visiting Crater Lake, Oregon. Good times!

## Class of 1978

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It began in late January 2020, when Dr. **Francis Duhaylongsod '78** received a call from a Shanghai-based manufacturer, who explained

that their COVID-19 PCR test was the first to be approved in China for the detection of a novel coronavirus, later renamed SARS-CoV-2, two weeks after the viral genetic sequence was first published by the World Health Organization. Dr. Duhaylongsod was asked to manage the U.S. FDA process to acquire this test. Even though the first COVID-19 case in the United States had just been reported on Jan. 20, 2020, the COVID-19 response hadn't yet had the sense of urgency.

Dr. Duhaylongsod, a heart surgeon, had experience in navigating innovative medical devices through the FDA process. Dr. Duhaylongsod often was invited to advise the China FDA in Beijing on such matters. However, this diagnostic COVID-19 test was deemed an entirely different kind of device – a molecular diagnostic test used to detect the presence of a newly identified virus. Dr. Duhaylongsod, having understood the need for an expedited response to the SARS outbreak of 2003, reacted immediately and accepted this challenge.

Dr. Duhaylongsod organized a small team of dedicated medical device entrepreneurs, including **David Kobayashi '15** and **Dr. Michael Miyamoto '84**. Together, they collected and reviewed all the appropriate technical documents, then prepared and submitted the FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) application in early March. Later, they would



work with other domestic and international manufacturers to accelerate the availability of SARS-CoV-2 antibody and antigen rapid tests. This collaborative teamwork led Dr. Duhaylongsod to create Kahala Biosciences, based in Irvine, California, with a guiding mission to democratize large-scale testing for COVID-19.

Since June 2020, Kahala Biosciences has organized over 200 COVID-19 large-scale testing events in Southern California, dispensing over a million tests. It also partnered with several hotels on Kaua'i and Maui to conduct rapid, COVID-19 antigen testing among guests. This could not have been achieved without introductions provided by **John De Fries '69**, President and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Kahala Biosciences also has partnered with The Queen's Medical Center.

When asked why he decided to take this on, Dr. Duhaylongsod said: "I've been given much in life to be grateful for – good health, head and heart – paying it forward is simply good for the soul. If my grandkids ever ask what it was like living through the Great Pandemic, think of the interesting experiences I can share."

**Chantal Weaver** is working on a project to honor her father, Spencer Fullerton Weaver Jr., and the partnership and business he and his brother, Clifton Stokes Weaver, founded – Spencecliff Restaurants. Remember these hotspots and restaurants – Queen's Surf with the Barefoot Bar, Tahitian Lanai, Coco's Coffee House, Tiki Tops, Fisherman's Wharf, Senor Popo's, Trader Vic's, Kelly's, South Seas and Ranch House? If you have any memorabilia, photographs or stories, please contact Chantal at [spencecliffcorp@gmail.com](mailto:spencecliffcorp@gmail.com).



*Kelly Hutchinson '80 McMahon and her brother, Mike Hutchinson '82, bumped into Peter Gordon '79 in Waikiki.*

### Class of 1979

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As I sit down to write this, it is the middle of summer. The past year has been a challenging one, but some bright signs are starting to appear. Hopefully, everything continues to improve.

One sad note to report, **Eric Aona** passed away Aug. 20, 2020, [bit.ly/EricAona](http://bit.ly/EricAona). As everything was locked down for much of 2020, a drive-through celebration of his life was held in July. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

If you have not been tuning in to some of Punahou's virtual events this year, you have been missing out. A few highlights included "Ola Hawai'i," the Virtual Holokū Pageant and May Day 2021, [bit.ly/Holoku](http://bit.ly/Holoku), Buff 'n Blue Together: Virtual Alumni Lū'au Celebration, [bit.ly/AlumniLuau](http://bit.ly/AlumniLuau), and the inaugural Festival of Ideas, [bit.ly/Fest\\_Ideas](http://bit.ly/Fest_Ideas), [bit.ly/FestReplay](http://bit.ly/FestReplay). Several classmates, including, **Byron Leong**, **Claire Ackerman Elliott**, **Connie Ramos**, **Boy**

**Eldredge, Dean Ando, Elliott Mandel, Jeff Pion, Lori Ozaki Wessel, Malcolm Waugh and Robyn Osuna Tanaka** took advantage of informative festival sessions. Visit the previous links for on-demand viewing.

Until next time, take care of each other, stay safe and keep healthy!

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From **Kelly Hutchinson McMahon**: "I ran into **Peter Kay** in Mānoa this summer. He was visiting with his family. I also crashed **Lee Bell's** 60th birthday party in Lanikai. I walked Kailua beach with **Emelie Anderson Pletcher**. Found out that **Tom Cook** is a grandfather! His son, **Jackson '09**, has a baby girl!

From **Ray Hironaka**:

I saw both Emelie Anderson Pletcher and **Larry Tavares Jr. '79** at Kailua Farmers' Market. I really miss seeing **Mike Stott**, who usually visits from Atlanta with his wife, Donna. I did visit with **Joan Yano Hughes** when she was home from Seattle. We had a small dinner with **Betty Kam** and **Seth Bond '82**, then met for lunch a few days later, with **Anne Pyun**

Sanders. Good to have fellow Bamboozlers home to visit with. Please share some updates with everyone by emailing me, Kelly or Michele.

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From **Betsy Case**:

From Honolulu to Sri Lanka, we were SO pleased to have welcomed over 54 classmates to our first ever virtual Reunion cocktail party! Although our fearless virtual Reunion leaders, **Diana "Dyνο" Bendix** and Betsy Case, had to quell the initial excitement to get the show on the road, we had time to catch up on a more personal level in our breakout rooms discussing our favorite Punahou memories, as well as at the after-party on Kumospace! Thank you to **Nick Kolivas** and our awesome Reunion committee for their hard work over nine months, with a few twists and turns. We're certainly not too old to learn new tricks! We look forward to planning our joint 60th Birthday Party and to more Zoom get-togethers!

**Mary Lynn Chang Scott** met **Sam Pennington '75** and his wife several years ago at their farm. On a more recent trip to Oregon, Mary was at the Saturday farmers market in Grants Pass, where



Classmates from '81 gathered to raise a glass and celebrate the life of Derek Kawika Wood '81, who passed away on Jan. 4, 2021, and is deeply missed.

**From Rosie Goo:**

Aloha, classmates: Wishing you all goodness and light, as we maneuver life and all its beauty and challenges. Please take good care wherever you may be and whatever you have on your plate.

Happy belated 40th Reunion, and mahalo to all our wonderful classmates for planning, organizing, executing and participating! Our fabulous Reunion committee of **Betsy Case, Geoff Chapman, Joey Char, Betsy Searl Crawford, Joslin Snyder Crowe, Cathy Loo Devaney, Susann Bartley Edmond, Lissa Guild Eveleth, Mark Fraser, Hod Greeley, Melvea Hardy, Lisa Merrill Hemmeter, Craig Ho, Helena Fordham Ishida, George Killebrew, Nick Kolivas, Rachel Hodges Lau, Karen Lau-Baptist, Kau Bryan Lucas, Lisa Lee Mitchell, Lutz Pescht, Melissa Lum Quilici, Mary Lynn Chang Scott, Diana Bendix Wahl, Jojo Watumull, Lori Naumu Wright** and **Alan Zukerkorn** deserves much thanks for working on the virtual gathering, bringing folks together to share stories and delivering a wonderful T-shirt for all to enjoy!

We want to share your news! Crank up the coconut wireless and give a holler to Richanne, Betsy, Lisa or me, Rosie, when you are able. Until next time ... be well.



Lisa Hutchinson '82 and Blair Thorndike '82 hosted a summer gathering of fellow '82 Peanut Butterers. Front row, from left: Blaise Lambert Smith, Colleen Kelley Heyer, David Von Hamm and Lisa. Back row: Brad Hebing, Andrew Ghali, Brock MacDonald, Stacy Hutchison-Miller, Jen Braman Lyons, Maggie Anderson Sheedy, Jeff Davis, Blair and Russell Pang.

she met one of Sam's daughters at their farm stand. Mary shared our upcoming Reunion and that we were including Dean Skip Pennington in our memorial service. They were very grateful.

As of June 28, 2021, our 40th Class Reunion Gift total was \$214,801 with 27% participation (107 donors)! Mahalo!

**Ann Harada** is one of the stars of "Schmigadoon!," an AppleTV+ series that premiered on July 16. She is currently filming, "Disenchanted," the sequel to the Disney film, "Enchanted," to be released on Disney+ in 2022. Ann has appeared in six Broadway shows and is best known for originating the role of Christmas Eve in "Avenue Q" on Broadway and London's West End.

**Class of 1982**

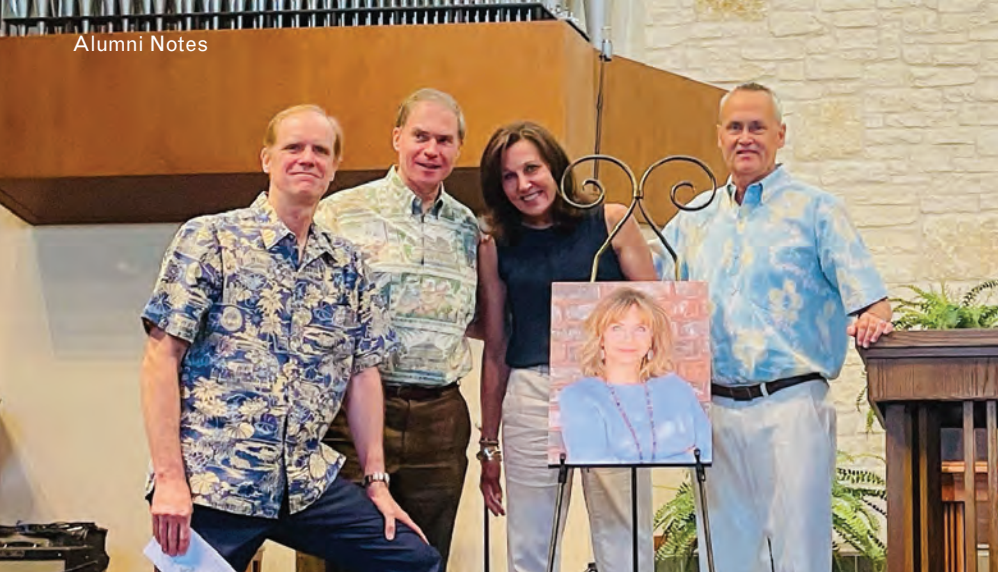
**40<sup>th</sup> REUNION**  
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While the pandemic put a damper on Class Reunions once again this summer, some of the '82 Peanut Butterers still found in-person methods of observing our 39th year since graduating from Punahou. June saw several classmates return to O'ahu (finally) and get-togethers – while few and far between – did occur.

On one Friday evening, **Colleen Kelley Heyer, Stacy Hutchison-Miller, Lisa Hutchinson** and I met up with **Maggie Anderson Sheedy** (visiting from Washington, D.C.) and **Andy Solomons** (Dallas) for dinner at The Kahala. Later that same evening, we met up with **Kimo Cameron** and **Brad Hebing** at the Outrigger Canoe Club, where we learned of Brad's decorated career in the U.S. Air Force (he is now a retired lieutenant colonel).

The next evening, Lisa and I hosted classmates at our hilltop hale – a gathering that included Brad Hebing, **Andrew Ghali, Brock MacDonald, Stacy Hutchison-Miller, Jen Braman Lyons, Maggie Anderson Sheedy, Jeff Davis, Russell Pang, David Von Hamm, Colleen Kelley Heyer** and **Blaise Lambert Smith**. Sadly, this was the last social gathering with Jen Braman Lyons, who passed less than a week later from a brain aneurysm. Her remembrance was twofold – a lovely service at St. Clement's Church (a block away from Punahou campus), and a paddle-out/ash-scattering in the ocean off the Outrigger Canoe Club two days later.



A funeral service was held in Austin, Texas for Lynn Allison '82 Unflat, who passed away on May, 23, 2020. In attendance were her classmates, Andrew Damon, Andy Solomons, Maggie Anderson Sheedy and John Townsley.

Joining me at the services were **Kikilia Fordham, Donna Kahakui, Roger Lyons, Greg Milne, Stacy Hutchison-Miller, Jeff Davis, Lisa Hutchinson, Kimo Cameron** and dozens of others from the Punahou 'ohana. [bit.ly/3ixAfXo](http://bit.ly/3ixAfXo)

Finally, save the date! Our 40th Class Reunion Week is slated for June 6 – 12, 2022!

## Class of 1983

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Aloha from the Pacific Northwest. We are recovering from a heatwave – temperatures reached a high of 108 at my house! Other spots in Washington State approached 120, which is unheard of. I have no air conditioning. Best I could do was turn my hot tub into a cold tub. Used it as a mini pool! We are now settled into usual temps of high 70s/low 80s ... phew!

Going to start with some HUGE shout outs and congrats!

**Peter Ho** joined Punahou's Board of Trustees on July 1, 2021. WOW. Peter is Chairman, President and CEO of Bank of Hawaii. During an interview, Peter said. "It's incumbent for a school like Punahou and its talented graduates to accept responsibility and assume leadership to create a healthy, sustainable community for all." Well said, Peter! I have no doubt his role on the board will be invaluable! Huge congrats, Peter!

**Nora Cobb Keller's** daughter **Tae Keller '11** second book, "When You Trap a Tiger," has won the prestigious 2021 Newbery Medal recognized by the American Library Association as the year's most outstanding

contribution to children's literature. The article notes that Nora recalls her daughter as a young girl telling stories and urgently asking for it to be written down. So amazing. So much writing talent in one family. Congrats to Tae and proud mamma Nora!

**Kevin Heidel** is living and working on Hawai'i Island, as part of the traveling nurse program (it is called something way more professional, but that is all I can think of). He has been getting

back in touch with his Island connections, posting photos of hikes, sunsets and recently some singing moments. On July 9, Kevin posted a virtual concert, "Vespers on the Lanai," that featured 'ukulele and voice. Hopefully many were able to be part of this experience.

All right – here are a few random tidbits: **Erin Anderson Rich** and her husband recently started a 33-night RV adventure starting out in their home state of Florida. Can't wait to see photos along the way.

**Brian Moore** and his band, Cold Craft, were nominated in the San Diego Music Awards for Best Rock Song. The band recently played at the Music Box, no doubt a fantastic time!

Speaking of Brian, he recently met up with **Tom Kaser, Ted Barnett** and **Jolie Cartier** for dinner in Carlsbad. Tom and his wife, Sarah, were in town celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary and invited the locals out for dinner.

**Radford '84** and **Alissa Brownrigg Small** recently returned to Hawai'i – to live! Their youngest, **Colby '25**, will be starting Punahou in the fall. Super excited for them and way jealous as well!

That is what I know this time around! Hope you are all healthy, finding happiness each day and being kind to the ones around you who need it the most!

Please keep in touch!

All my love and aloha,

Kim



Maya Byrne '84 McBride has returned to Hawai'i! Her youngest, Kieran, has joined Punahou's Class of 2025. In July, she enjoyed some family time with husband, Dan, and their sons at their cabin in Twin Lakes, Idaho – an idyllic backdrop as they figured out the intricacies of living in both Orinda, California and Honolulu for the next four years. Pictured left to right: Dan, Maya, Kieran, Liam and Aidan.



Lisa Tokumaru '84 Rapp enjoyed a mini island tour of O'ahu with her family on a gorgeous summer day. From left: Lisa, twins, Dylan and Logan (12), and husband, Greg Rapp.

We missed seeing so many of you at our official 36th Reunion, aka "35 Plan D" or "Can't we just Crash '86's Bash?" Our "UnReunion" ended up as a wonderful mashup of folks from various Classes who were in town because either they weren't gonna cancel the rebook of their original June trip, or they were now fully vaccinated and coming home to see 'ohana, or ... who needs a reason to come home?

In the category of "The Most Classmates in One Place Ever for an UnReunion," we gathered on what would have been our 36th Reunion Lū'au at **Dave Campbell's Aloha Beer – Dave Lam, Eddie Kageyama** (both with spouses), **Keoki Kerr, Niti Dubey** Villinger, **Kendra Porter** Epstein, **Jill Takatsuka** Yoshimoto, **Andrea Agcaoili** Mills, **Andrew Lockwood, Dave Fan, Chris Bisho, Colleen Maeda** Bird, **Leslie Opulauoho, Kate Janczyk** Bowman, **Kari Allen** Greenwell, **Mike Voorhees, Brendan Burns, John Chang, John Eveleth** and **Keoki Van Orden**. There's an upstairs portion of the restaurant I like to call, "The Bordello," others call it a "Speakeasy," and its formal name is "The HI Brau Room." We enjoyed pizza, beer, wine and soda and had a lot of "What ever happened to?" kinds of conversations. I must say, everyone looked GREAT.

And we also caught up with folks like ...

**Julie Williamson** Minson. Well, this was back in spring. But hey! WE SAW HER – IN PERSON! Well, Erin did. She was getting in her treading water exercise when Julie SUP'd on by. Julie was in town visiting her family and was heading on out for a session on the ocean. We didn't talk too long – Julie was masterfully

### Class of 1984

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From **Debbie Sharkey** Linville:

As I wrote just three months ago, **Patti Horii** Oshiro has passed the torch as the coordinator of our Class Carnival shift ... and I must have had a sign that said "kick me" as I agreed to chair the initiative in this year of transition. I'm instituting a few changes.

Same time, different place: If we are able to enjoy an in-person event, we will continue to work on the Friday of Carnival, but note that we are moving to the Malasada-batter booth in Dole Cafeteria! Air conditioning!

Me and my shadow: Fearful of coordinating the shift for the next decade, I have instituted a new system of leadership. I am the Class coordinator for the 2022 Carnival, while my shadow prepares to take over in 2023. Introducing ... **Erik Kloninger!**

Let's all thank Patti and Erik for their service! Hopefully we will see each other at Carnival!

**Beatrix Greenwell** moved back to Honolulu this summer with her daughter, Ellen, and is so happy to finally be home in the Islands again! For the first time in decades Beatrix, her sisters, **Holly '86** and **Taea '89**; and their parents, **Jack Greenwell '54** and Marilyn Easton, are all living in Hawai'i. Perhaps we will see Bea at the Malasada-batter booth!

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Aloha, classmates!

We hope this Bulletin finds you safe and healthy!



There was a mini '85 reunion at Chili's with classmates, **Danny McInerney, Kelimia Mednick** and **Baron Ah Moo**, who had a blast reconnecting and sharing stories.



Chris Miller and Helena Wallin-Miller '86, Erin Auerbach '85, Janne Loose '86 Miller and Wes Miller, and Bill and Gina Loose gathered at Stewbum & Stonewall Brewing Co. for a mash-up of reunions. Missing are Wayne '84 and Melissa Brown '85 Goo, who left to greet grandbaby No. 2 for the first time!

and **Bill Loose**, Wes and **Janne Loose '86** Miller, and Chris Miller and **Helena Wallin-Miller '86** (hey now, that's a lotta Looses and Millers ... !) and Erin for Friday pau hana on what would have been our Class cocktail party. So. Many. Calendars. Involved. And yet, it came together so easily. Stewbum & Stonewall Brewing Co. was the place to be that night, except, you'll notice Melissa and Wayne are missing from our picture because grandbaby #2 made his arrival! We missed them and raised our pints in their honor!

We miss you. We love you.

Sending you our aloha,

April and Erin

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From **Carol Lockwood**:

Aloha, all:

We really missed seeing everyone in person for our 35th Reunion, but it was great to catch up with so many of you on Zoom! Classmates joined our virtual Reunion festivities from California, Florida, Hawai'i, Hong Kong, Idaho, Indiana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington – and, of course, the house on Rocky Hill. The denizen of that house, our very own **Mike Latham**, kicked off our weekend with his State of the School Address, after which we adjourned to the '86 Post-SOS Cocktail Party. Thanks to the talents of **David Bell**, **Andy Bunn** and **John Magnussen**, participants were welcomed to the party by the sweet melodies of "Wahine 'Ilikea" and "Ka Punahou," and the ever-lovely **Michelle Akina** graced us with her hula to "Pua 'Āhihi." After the musical interlude, we split into breakout rooms for more manageable socializing. It was wonderful catching up with so many far-flung classmates and the time just flew by! Fortunately, the Aloha '86 Cocktail Party Sunday gave us additional time to chat (although it never seems to be enough ...).

Sunday also brought a more poignant Reunion tradition: The Memorial service for the classmates we have lost. The service was deftly led by Rev. **Pamela Lowe Dolan**, who guided us in prayer and shared insightful thoughts about the dual nature of reunions, which both reawaken adolescent insecurities and remind us of the human connections that really matter in life – and of how we find so many of them within the Class of '86. **Valeri Love** shared a moving memorial video she put together with photos of **Shawn Akina**, **Kevin Allen**, **Laura Andrews**, **Alvin Asakura**, **Robbie Ehrhorn**, **Robin Giles**, **Erika Byrd Johnson**, **Moku Kamelamela**, **Rich Lee**, **Garvin Love**,



The Class of '86 virtually gathered on Zoom for their 35th Class Reunion. Special appreciation to the Reunion committee for organizing the virtual Reunion and Memorial service. Top row, from left: Waileia Davis Roster, Melinda Tuan, Paul Chattergy, Matt Foster with friend, Iris Smith, and Holly Greenwell. Second row: Nikki Reznik Bennett, Dawn Sanderson, Valeri Love, Allison Higa and David Hsu. Third row: Artie Jim, David Tanabe, Teshra Steffen Robles, Michael Tenby, Iver Larson and Kristine Tanno. Fourth row: Lillian Masamitsu Kam and Jay Kam, Greg Kurio, Andy Bunn, Alex Wong and Derrick Wong. Bottom row: Cara D'Avanzo, Lyle Fujikawa, Michelle and Jon Magnussen, Carol Lockwood and Alvin Sato.

balancing all throughout, but the joy in seeing each other was real. People we know! In person!

**Mike Vorhees** was home in June on an extended vacation to Kaua'i and O'ahu for almost a month. He enjoyed many hikes, poke bowls, classmates and adjacent classmates

for various 'ono grinds. He lives in New Mexico and is a hot air balloon pilot in his spare time! If you are in Albuquerque, be sure to connect with him!

**Wayne '84** and **Melissa Brown Goo** put together a grand plan to meet up with Gina



A group of '86ers managed a small, in-person, pre-reunion (and non-virtual!) gathering at Indochine 1938. From left: Caren Wun Fukushima, Christine Kwock Damgaard, Jill Tanaka, Artie Jim, Christine's husband, Jesper, Mela Shim, Malcolm Nakamura, Maile Racuya Lum and Malcolm's wife, Sarah.



Drive-by Reunions happened at the Class of '86 merchandise pick-up during Alumni Week. Front row, from left: Jamie Lui, Kenny May and Lyle Fujikawa. Back row: Jerelyn Watanabe, Dawn Sanderson, Waileia Davis Roster, Nana Nakano Howell and Meri Hagino Okano.

**John Martin, Ariya Masuda, Ross Miho, Richard Reed, Kimberly Stoner and Devin Tom.** David, Andy and John shared their renditions of "Fare Thee Well" and "Moloka'i Sweet Home," which touched our hearts and moistened our eyes.

On a happier note, I'm pleased to report that our Class raised a whopping \$663,813 for our Class Gift, far exceeding our original goal of \$200,000! With 133 donors, we had a 32% participation rate – THANK YOU ALL! Special appreciation goes to **Jerelyn Watanabe**,

**Roselle Leong Chin, Carty Chock, Melinda Tuan, Andy Bunn, Paul Chattergy** and all the members of our 35th Reunion Class Gift committee. Thanks to their efforts and your generosity, we achieved a record-breaking result at a truly opportune time as Punahou strives to assist students whose families are struggling during the pandemic.

Speaking of service to Punahou, I would be remiss not to mention that **Artie Jim** is one of the few classmates who traveled to Hawai'i for our Reunion (as did Melinda Tuan), and with good reason: Artie's father, **Clayden Jim '59**, and sister, **Leeanne Jim '87** Phillips, were both honored Reunion weekend with Punahou Alumni Association Old School Awards! Congratulations!

**Holly Greenwell** had a reunion of sorts this summer. Holly's sister, **Beatrix Greenwell '84**, moved back to Honolulu with her daughter, Ellen. It's the first time in a long time that all the Greenwell sisters, Holly, Beatrix and **Taea '89**; and their parents, **Jack Greenwell '54** and Marilyn Easton, are all living in Hawai'i. Holly lives in Mānoa with her husband, Boyd, and works at Punahou as an English teacher. She just finished a five-year term as the head of the Academy English Department, and is teaching junior and senior English Honors classes this school year.

That's all for now. A hui hou!



President Mike Latham '86 joined his classmate musicians, who provided music at this year's Alumni Week drive-through. From left: Mike Latham, Melinda Tuan, Andy Bunn, Jon Magnussen, Jerelyn Watanabe and Dean Harada.



A small group of old friends from the Class of '86 gathered at the President's House for a potluck dinner during Alumni Week. From left: Mike Latham, John Friend, Michelle Akina, Jerelyn Watanabe, Melinda Tuan, Jon Magnussen, Paul Chattergy, Jamie Lui, Andy Bunn and Ken May.



Catching up with Gib Arnold '87: Gib's son, Addison, committed to University of Arizona Basketball. Go Wildcats! Gib is rounding out his time at Harvard University working on his master's in clinical psychology with a certificate in sports psychology. Here he is with his sons, from left, Ashton, Ace, Addison and Gib.

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From **Cynthia Fox Parks**:

When I was asked if I could help with the Class notes again, I was so excited!

We all are in different life stages. Some people have been married, divorced, remarried or never married. Some have young children, others have middle and high school age, and some are empty nesters – like me.

My husband, Alex, and I moved to North Carolina, in 1994 and raised three kids, Nathaniel (26), Isaac (24) and Patricia (22). I am a high school counselor in Greensboro, North Carolina, and we live on a little horse farm with three horses, three dogs, two cats and six chickens. I also ride and compete horses and play my trumpet in the Greensboro Concert Band.



Jon Murakami '87 attended the Punahou Commencement for the Class of 2021 and wrote: "It was great to be with my dear friend, Mike Blake '87, as his son, Isaac '21, and my daughter, Riley '21, graduated together."



Welcome to **Cynthia Fox '87 Parks**, a new Class correspondent, who hails from Greensboro, North Carolina, where she has raised her family and works as a high school counselor. From left: **Nathaniel, Isaac, Patricia, Cynthia and Alex Parks**.

My parents moved away from Hawai'i to Las Vegas, where **Carl Seelman** was my dad's golf instructor. Carl has three sons, Daniel (27), Sam (24) and Michael (20), and now lives in Charlottesville, Virginia. He writes: "I manage a 24/7 indoor golf facility, Anytime Golf, with three TrackMan bays. It is enjoyable and I give lessons there as well. I talk to **Rick Wild** periodically. He is a scorekeeper for the PGA Tour and travels around the country."

From **Julia Latham**: "Hey, y'all, from the Tar Heel contingent of the Class of '87! It seems a handful of us have set up within a couple of hours of each other in the beautiful state of North Carolina."

**Karen Parker Brown** is living the good life in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. She is married and doing amazing work teaching kindergarten at a virtual public school. She enjoys reading, knitting, kayaking, camping and canine rescue work.

A little down the road you can find **Maile Nuzzo** Pardue living in the Lake Norman area with her husband, Eddie, and daughter, Alana. They have been there for the last 20 years,

dedicated to their small horse farm (when they are not working on their careers). Alana is an avid equestrian, and the family traveled to Lexington, Kentucky, to watch her compete at the USEF National Pony Finals in August.

**Nani Crawford** lives in nearby Charlotte. She made the move about 15 years ago, after 20 years of enjoying actual seasons in Boston and Martha's Vineyard. She is filling her life with friends, family, four rescue dogs and two cats. She still misses the ocean and Island life, but she is glad she moved away from where it's freezing five months of the year.

From practicing environmental law in D.C. and Chicago, I made a lateral move with my husband some years ago to create Flow Farm, a small veganic farm in Pinehurst. To the joy of my dance and theater-loving teenagers, I am also engaged in producing youth theater and working with the local arts council. I have a side-gig in leadership on the village's Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Board. My folks are nearby, and we are all looking forward to a visit from my brother, **Mike Latham '86**, this summer.

I love being walking distance from **Helena Wallin-Miller '86**. After a long stint on the local school board, Helena is enjoying time with her family, catching up on work and remodeling her new home."

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In from **Lisa Greenwell Hummel**:

Hi, all! Happy fall!

Our classmate, **Lia Sheehan**, received the Punahou Parent Faculty Association "Above and Beyond" Service Award for her amazing volunteerism at Punahou over the years. Thank you, Lia for the countless hours and love you've given to Punahou.

**Jenn Ramos Doran** recently visited **Carrie Behm Starkie** in Abu Dhabi, celebrated their 40 years of friendship, and enjoyed dining on camel burgers while Carrie skipped out on work. Sounds like a great time!

**Rob Izumi** has been a prolific photo poster on Facebook of late. Most notable are his sharing of glamour shots that were so popular in the '80s – photos of **Barbara Brogan Rosenberg, Sydney Fernandez Fasi, Katie Goldcamp Delaney, Kirsten West-Bennett and Buddy Lee** modeling for The Men's Store by The Ritz, and beauty shots of **Heather Park, Sarah Bitterman** and **Jenn Ramos Doran**. Another fun '80s theme photo dump was "What's everyone pointing at?" (Remember the Kramer's pose?) Photos of cute teens pointing into space included **Meredith Hansen Burney, Malia Davis Megorden, Daryl Muromoto, Sarah Healy '89 Middelton, Paige Prior Rodgers, Danika Sandoz, Laura Marsella** Contant and **Kimi Sakuda Takazawa** (Princess Leia). There are so many fun photos of our classmates on *Punahou88 Facebook* page that if you aren't on Facebook, they would make it worth signing up. So great!

**Emily Carl Tom** has been busy with her art business, Emily Carl Art, painting gorgeous images of shells, landscapes and some cool abstracts. Her art graces many homes from Hawai'i, all the way to Ohio!

**Lael Weyenberg** recently visited me in Kona, with her son, Kai, who has become great friends with my boys. We had a short, but super sweet visit – celebrating the Fourth of July and paddling one- and two-man outrigger canoes out of Honokōhau Harbor. We paddled along the Kona Coast, and were visited by a pod of spinner dolphins – it was a magical time.





Rick Wild '87 and his sister, Tracy Wild '90 Alexander, both live in Bend, Oregon. Rick is a scoring official for the PGA Tour, and Tracy works at the Deschutes County Historical Society.



Classmates Jon Emura, Dana Shimoda-Fraiola, Chad Kawashima and Jena Tanaka Kaneshiro, at the MIGHTY '90 Reunion merchandise pick-up during Alumni Week.

Professor Landers from Suffolk Law University wrote a letter to the Yale Journal on Regulation and ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice in which she expressed her appreciation for **Ingrid Schroffner's** distinguished contributions to the legal profession and public service. "Ingrid's career in government embodies a record of mentoring generations of law students, and reflects her commitment to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in the legal profession and society." If you want to check out the entire letter, here is the link: [bit.ly/3AzGuQx](https://bit.ly/3AzGuQx). Keep it up, Ingrid!

I'm deeply saddened to share the news of the recent passing of our dear classmate, **Kristine Hollett**, on June 1, 2021. Krissie had been battling illness for quite some time. Rest in love, Krissie. You will be missed.

This life is beautiful, challenging and so precious, and I'm thankful for all of my classmates. Stay connected and keep laughing!

Aloha, Lisa

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Congratulations to **Adria Imada** on being named a 2021 Andrew Carnegie Fellow! "With this generous fellowship, I plan to develop a book and shorter writings about diverse survivors of 20th century epidemics in the United States and its colonies. By highlighting lesser-known communities living in the aftermath of epidemics, I hope to challenge

'back to normal' discussions of the COVID-19 pandemic." Adria is a professor of history at University of California Irvine, and will receive a generous stipend to support her research focus. Please take a moment to read the entire press announcement for this wonderful recognition. [bit.ly/37xHJmU](https://bit.ly/37xHJmU)

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From **Dana Shimoda-Fraiola:**

Aloha, gang!

This summer was a hot one! We can now embrace the cooler autumn evenings as we all try to adjust to our new routines. I wish everyone the best of luck with that.

It was great to see those of you who picked up your MIGHTY90 merch at the Alumni drive-through in June. I don't think I have seen **James Kaneshiro** since our Hamada homeroom daze! I can always count on kolohe **Kale Kippen** with his laughter and smile. It was good fun volunteering with our MIGHTY90 shirt designer, **Chad Kawashima**, and catching up with **Jon Emura**, who was kind enough to bring us yummy treats to sustain us throughout the day. Everyone looks fabulous, and I was so pooped from all that socializing and talking – COVID-19 protocols have me out of practice! Mucho mahalo to **Jena Tanaka Kaneshiro** for her rad Razor skillz, as she zipped between Reunion Class booths ensuring everyone had what they needed.



In Medford, Massachusetts, Matthew Kennedy '90 and his family all received their next rank in Shotokan Karate.



Jared Gates '90 is a broker-in-charge for Big Island Homes & Land Co., Ltd. and the 2021 President of Hawai'i Island Realtors. Here he is with his children: Jaxon, Jared, Kennedy and Seth.

signature song of his Royal Hawaiian Hotel Orchestra. Bing Crosby heard it while vacationing in Honolulu and wanted to include it in his movie, "Waikiki Wedding." "Sweet Leilani" went on to win Best Song category at the 1938 10th Academy Awards and became Bing Crosby's first gold record. You're probably asking yourself, "Why the history lesson, Danes?" Well, the coolest part of this story is that three MIGHTY90s worked there – Tracy, me and **Jared Gates!** We made 'onolicious deli style sandwiches and have "Sweet Leilani" permanently ingrained in our memories.

Speaking of my Senior Prom date, Jared Gates is a broker-in-charge for Big Island Homes & Land Co., Ltd. and the 2021 President of Hawai'i Island Realtors, where he sports his Scott Hawaii slippahz to meetings. He is blessed with three kiddos; Kennedy (6), Jaxon (11) and his Kea'au High School 2021 graduate, Seth. Jared has 14 chickens (as does Tracy) and life is good.

Here's hoping all of you are doing well despite the C-word. Mahalo to all of you helping to get us through as best we can. Looking forward to all of our quinquagenarian celebrations! (How you like that?!) Hopefully we will see each other at Carnival – Especially since it's a '90s theme ... I know, right? We are NOT that old!

Keep up with da scoops by checking out our MIGHTY90 social media, and, hey! –YOU ARE AWESOME! and LOVED!

Until next time, ALOHA and smiles across the miles.

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Hi gang!

This round of notes will be all about 30th Reunion: Pandemic Edition!

On behalf of the Reunion committee, we'd like to thank everyone who was able to contribute to our 30th Reunion Class gift! We know it's been a tough year all-around, but with 23% participation and an amazing \$852,973, we'll be able to help current and future students experience all that Punahou has to offer.

Thank you to **Noe Lyons** Archambault, along with our gift chairs, **Michelle Kondo Ho**, **Barbie Ho** and **Jen Kunishima** Sarsuelo for leading the effort!

Thank you to our amazing Reunion Committee: Noe Lyons Archambault, **Kristin Bacon**, **Rachel Bolante** Cervantes, **Joanne Chang**, **Mayumi Hara** Dao, **Lara Wong** Dao, **Denise Eldredge** Sagapolutele, **Jose Elizaga**, **Kirsten Liskum** Gackowski, Michelle Kondo Ho,

In Medford, Massachusetts, **Matthew Kennedy** and his family all received their next rank in Shotokan Karate. Matt and his son, Alejandro, got camo belts (one step below a series of black belts with stripes leading to full black belt). His wife, Nancy, got her red belt. They've all been training for the past five years. Matthew is a professional services lead consultant at Mimecast.

My Enchanted Lakes neighbor, carpool pal and Harry's Deli co-worker, **Tracy Wild** Alexander, lives in Bend, Oregon, and works at Deschutes County Historical Society. She and her husband, Jonathan, have a little farm with their son, Jack (16), who will be a high school junior, and their daughter, Lily, who just graduated from Bend Senior High. Tracers' brother, **Rick Wild '87**, who is a scoring official for the PGA Tour, also lives in Bend. His son just graduated from Mountain View High School.

Dunno if you guys remember Harry's Deli in Kailua, where the Whole Foods is now. It was named after Harry Owens, who wrote the song, "Sweet Leilani," to celebrate the birth of his daughter in the 1930s. It became the



Carol "Mama" Chun and her grandkids rolled up in her KBOCHA to pick up her '91 Cherish tumbler at the Class of '91 Reunion Merchandise pick-up at Case Middle School, during Alumni Week. From left: Blake McElheny '91, Carol "Mama" Chun, Kirsten Liskum '91 Gackowski, Carol's granddaughter, Vanessa Higa '91 Kau and Allison Takeshita '91 Van Orman.



The Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation farm in Hale'iwa hosted the Class of '91's community work day for classmates and their families. From left: Vanessa Higa Kau, Allison Takeshita Van Orman, Blake McElheny, Andrew Dudgeon, Brad Pearson, Kirsten Liskum Gackowski and Lani Watson.

Barbie Ho, **Shawn Mahle**, **Brigitte Mau**, **Blake McElheny**, **Darryl Nakamoto**, **Nikki Adam Nakamoto**, **Stacy Chong Philippou**, **Brooke Berrington Puder**, Jen Kunishima Sarsuelo, **Mike Watanabe**, **Rae Nakasone Yazawa**, **Vanessa Higa Kau** and **Allison Takeshita Van Orman**.

On May 16, Jen Kunishima Sarsuelo, owner of Tidepool Love, led a bracelet-making workshop via Zoom. Some of us showed up prepared for the task at hand with reading glasses, while others of us were clearly (no pun intended) still in presbyopic denial and, consequently, took much longer threading our tiny little beads on to practically invisible jewelry cord. There were even a few instances of beads falling all over the floor, but there was also wine in arm's reach, so thankfully there was no crying. Also making a Zoom appearance to make us all smile was **Heidi Lowrey Baines'** cutest little hedgehog.

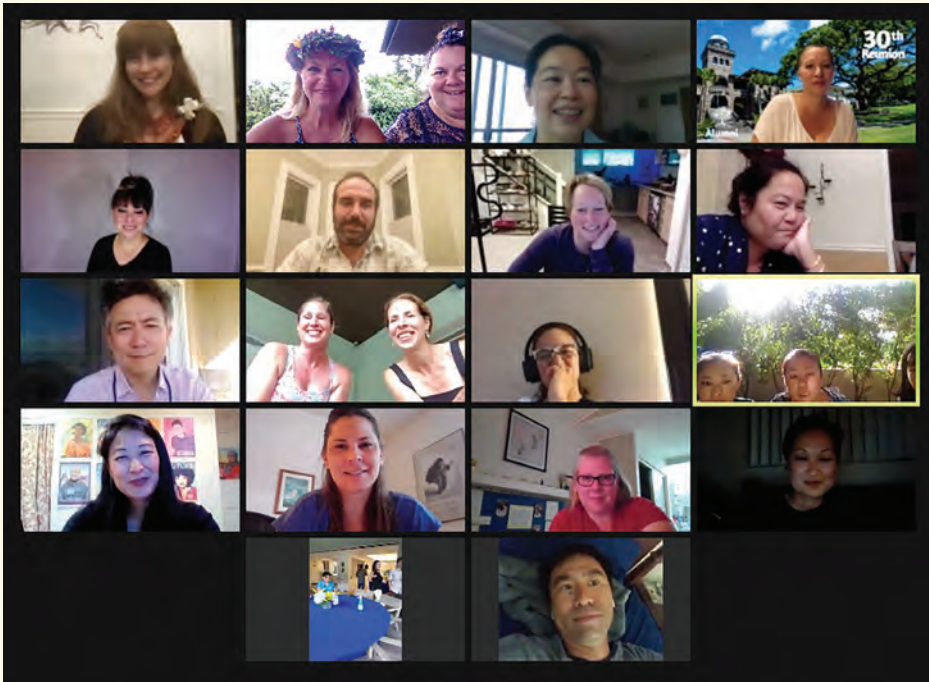
Our virtual wine tasting event happened on May 22! Thank you to **Easton Manson** for arranging this virtual tasting of Langtry Farms wines: Genevieve Chardonnay, Serpentine Meadow Petite Syrah and Tephra Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon. To put it simply, it was fun and delicious! In addition to some of the usual suspects and Heidi and the Hedgehog, it was nice to see some fresh faces in Zoom thumbnails, including **Paul Larsen**, **Matt Corboy**, **Kimberly Jaffe Berger**, **Claire Gearen**, **Jennifer McKeon Gonzales** and **Stefanie Loo Jeffs**. We also caught glimpses of **Malia Oshima Paul**, **Cathy Luke**, **Lisa Itoga Tam**, **Tracie Masumoto Iha** and **Suzanne Hee Chen**. Easton even managed to log on for a bit from his car while on his way to his daughter's graduation!

It was with a rather sad trombone that the merch committee (Mike Watanabe, Brooke Berrington Puder and us) had to announce that the shipment of our highly sought after, record-breaking, **Cade Roster**-designed Turkish towels was not going arrive by the June 9 on-campus merch pickup date. Consequently, we went from being a crazy busy pickup booth to totally just cruisin' for eight hours. Whenever a lone car approached our tent and slowed down, we jumped up from our seated slumps, greeted them like celebrities and tested our skills playing "Who's That Masked Classmate?" After A-lister Mama Chun and her grandkids rolled up in her KBOCHA to pick up her '91 Cherish tumbler, she drove off and returned with some Waiola shave ice cake to perk us up!

Mahalo to **Blake McElheny** and his wife, Kaliko, for coordinating a family morning at the Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation's Learning Farm in Hale'iwa on June 10. We pulled weeds, worked in the nursery and turned over soil. While our kids were engaging in real life Minecraft, using mini pickaxes to whittle away at some hardened dirt, the Foundation's co-founder, Jack Johnson, stopped by to say, "Hi." We were kinda secretly hoping he would bust out an 'ukulele or guitar from the nearby



Jen Kunishima Sarsuelo led her '91 classmates in a fun bracelet-making Zoom workshop in May. Top row, from left: Denise Eldredge Sagapolutele, Noe Lyons Archambault, Robin Sugihara Miyamoto, Jeannie Kam Camacho, Lindsey Cassiday-Chang, Michelle Kondo Ho, Malia Oshima Paul and Jen Kunishima Sarsuelo. Middle row: Jennifer McKeon Gonzales, Lisa Nakamura, Vanessa Higa Kau, Allison Takeshita Van Orman and Kirsten Liskum Gackowski. Bottom row: Heidi Lowrey Baines, glass of red wine on a table, Joanne Chang, Lara Wong Dao, Mayu Hara Dao and Melanie Behm Devereux.



The 30th Reunion cocktail party for '91ers was a little different this year! Top row, from left: Lia Shipman Colabello, Noe Lyons Archambault, Denise Eldredge Sagapolutele, Lucy Yang Lin and Nikki Adam Nakamoto. Second Row: Dana Teruya Len, Garrett Ulosevich, Heidi Lowrey Baines and Robin Ann Lee Zovich. Third row: Mike Watanabe, Kirsten Liskum Gackowski, Lisa Jackson Gruen, Brooke Berrington Puder and correspondents plus Mayu Hara Dao trying to take a screen shot. Fourth row: Nerissa Wong-VanHaren, Diane Hodges Popp, Cindy Amos Romero and Eleanor Loo Wang. Fifth row: Tiny people in the background at Suzanne Hee Chen's house and Bryan Toda.

tool shed and just start jamming, kani ka pila style.

Honolulu's Tier 3 allowed for parties of 10 to be seated together at restaurants. What better place to have a table of 10 than at a Chinese restaurant? Matron of Dim Sum, **Joanne Chang**, reserved two adjacent tables at Ala Moana's Jade Dynasty on June 11 so that a bunch of us could enjoy snow mountain char siu bao and spring roll look fun in a COVID rule-abiding manner.

Normally on the Friday of Reunion week, we're whooping it up en masse at a public venue together, but this year we sipped cocktails solo or in small groups and Zoomed from backyards, home offices and living rooms. A few random shuffles into breakout rooms allowed attendees to catch up in an entertaining way.

Reunion week ended with a virtual Alumni Lū'au. Just before the event, we held a memorial for our classmates who are no longer with us. Chaplain Scott shared a few words of reflection as a slideshow of pictures from our simpler, younger days played. It was a reminder that life is fragile and precious, and that even in its most challenging times, we can do our best to see the positive in our experience here on Earth.

Although our 30th Reunion was far from traditional, we are grateful that we were still able to reconnect with each other, celebrate and smile. Here's to more of that in the future!

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Aloha, Class of '92!

**Tori Lockett Hidalgo**, received the University of Arizona Foundation Leicester and Kathryn Sherrill Creative Teaching Award. She's being honored for demonstrating exemplary innovation in teaching, a terrific model for adapting to change, and for using inspirational methods to manage large lectures. Her nominators spoke highly about her extraordinary ability to adapt during the pandemic and her brilliant and innovative approach to online education.

**Kyla Hanington**, outreach coordinator for Prince George's County, Maryland's Office of Human Rights, recently welcomed **Kirun Kapur** for a virtual event held in partnership with the county's library system. Award-winning poet Kapur talked about her newest collection, "Women in the Waiting Room," and revisited her previous work, "Visiting Indra Gandhi's



The Chinas celebrated their daughter, Lindsey's, high school graduation and her Associate of Arts degree in biology. From left: Greg China '92, Jenny Christensen '92 China, Lindsey China and Kainoa China.

Palmist." Kyla and Kirun had a happy catch-up for the first time since Kirun hosted Kyla's daughter for a dinner in Boston in January 2020. Kyla, who credits Kirun as an inspiration, recently completed her master's degree in creative writing at Mississippi University for Women.

On Punahou campus: Congratulations goes to **Nate Kia**, who was selected as head coach for the Varsity football team after many years of helping develop Punahou athletes in football and basketball. During that time, he was able to coach his son, **Kahanu '21**, who is now off to the University of Notre Dame to play football. While not at Punahou, Nate runs his family-owned small business, Marie Louise Cleaners, in Kaka'ako.

Cheers also goes out to **Emily Reber Porter**, who was selected as a Punahou Trustee. Emily and her husband, Wes, have two children at Punahou, **Evan '24** and **Cameron '26**.

**Eric Reppun** just finished his seventh year teaching math in the Academy. Both his son, **Henry '24**, and daughter, **Anna '27**, are at Punahou. In June, Eric and Henry participated in the National Disc Golf Association Tournament on Hawai'i Island, where he secured his fourth Hawai'i State Disc Golf Championship! This tournament was especially memorable since one of Eric's former students, **Nicky Chaudron '17**, won the Advanced Amateur division and son, Henry, finished sixth.

**Jen Hong** celebrated 20 years of working at Punahou and loves her job as the director of Financial Aid. She's excited to help provide a Punahou education to students who will thrive in the School's environment as it creates a diverse student body representative of Hawai'i's community and contributes to the learning experience of all students.

**Daren Kaneshiro** and wife, Joy, renewed their vows at a beautiful beach house in Lā'ie. Daren's brother, **Dean Kaneshiro '95** performed the brief ceremony. Daren is the Responsible Managing Employee (RME) at Interstate Restoration Hawaii and works with his father at Hawaii Pump Supply, a company his grandparents started in 1963. Outside of the office, Daren enjoys fishing and has been building the youth development program at Hawaii Rush Soccer Club for the past six years. He also promised Jaci that he would DJ at our 30th Reunion ... and will definitely play, "Don't You (Forget About Me)" to close.

This year, **Greg** and **Jenny Christensen China** will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary and empty their nest! Their son, Kainoa, plays football and studies accounting at the College of Idaho outside of Boise. Their daughter, Lindsey, received both her high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree in biology and will study neurobiology at University of California San Diego. Jenny has her own corporate tax consulting business and Greg coaches football and works with mid-level



Friends and classmates caught up at The Laylow Hotel in Waikīkī. From left: Aaron Carter '92, Aaron's husband, Mike Mosier, friend Cobi Kanani and Kaulana Yoshimoto '92.



Daren Kaneshiro '92 and his wife, Joy, renewed their vows for their 20th wedding anniversary.

special needs kids at the high school their kids attended.

**Aaron Carter** serves on the Phoenix Association of Realtors Leadership Circle, a group of top advocates for private property rights and homeownership. He was featured on Yahoo, Finance, MSN, Phoenix Business

Journal, the Arizona Republic and local TV speaking about the hot Phoenix residential real estate market. If you are ever traveling to Arizona, be sure to say hi.

Aloha,  
JI, Maz and Jen



Proud dads with their daughters. Darren Lee '92 with daughter, Logan '27, and Marc Kawahara '92 with daughter, Hayden '27, at their last Leahi Soccer Club game as parent coaches. From left: Logan, Darren, Marc and Hayden.

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Hey, gang!

Hope everyone is staying healthy and well and these crazy times aren't keeping you or your family down. A few things happened on my way to this article. My first got into Punahou and will be in the sixth grade (STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! HUCKLEBERRY PIE!), and I started wearing reading glasses. Oh joy!

Anyway, this quarter, Catching Up with our Classmates interviews **Lesley Ajimine Milligan!** A classmate who has jumped out of airplanes, battled the crowds at CPK daily, but still considers herself a "wimp."

DC: Where have you been since graduating from Punahou?

L: I went to University of Southern California, came home and finished up at the University of Hawai'i, then I ran all the California Pizza Kitchens (CPKs) on the Island. My fave location was Kahala, where I always ran into Punahou alumni. I left CPK after 21 years as a managing partner, transitioned to Sephora as an operations manager, where I helped to open a few stores on the West Coast.

DC: What do you currently do?

L: Now, I'm working as a personnel manager for ALTRES Staffing, as well as running a financial services business part-time.

DC: What do you do in layman's terms?

L: I help people find jobs, and I help our clients find the employees they need. For my financial services business, I teach people the rules of money.

DC: Tell us something about you that we couldn't find on Google or Facebook.

L: I've jumped out of an airplane not once, but seven times!

DC: If you could go back to high school and change one thing, what would you change?

L: I wouldn't change a thing!

DC: What is one thing that Punahou has taught you? Or how has it helped you in life?

L: To be well rounded, to not be afraid to challenge the status quo and to always play to win.

DC: Most influential teacher/coach at Punahou and why?

L: This is so hard! There were so many good ones! Well, it's a tie. Mr. O (Mr. Otagaki) because he made learning fun. And Mrs. Kunishige (**Lynn Kimura '81** Kunishige) because I struggled with math, and she dedicated so much of her time to help me with trig.

DC: If your time at Punahou was a cafeteria food item, what food item would it be and why?

L: A Posada - comforting and warm memories rolled up together.

DC: What are you reading right now?

L: "Winning" by Tim Grover.

DC: Where do you see life taking you in the future?

L: On many adventures.

DC: What are some of things still left on your bucket list?

L: Scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef, family RV vacation visiting all the National Parks and going on a safari in Africa.

DC: One thing none of your classmates know about you?

L: I'm a wimp when it comes to taking any form of liquid medicine. I just can't do it! I always have to chase it with something right after because I can't stand the taste. My favorite medicine chaser is kimchee. I know it's weird, but it does the trick!

Want to keep in touch with Lesley, you can find her on Facebook. Any suggestions for me, send me an email at [Hawaii.Dave@gmail.com](mailto:Hawaii.Dave@gmail.com). Until next time!

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Let's celebrate Punahou's newest alumni – **Leah Anderson's** daughter, **Naia '21**; **Kristy Sakai's** daughter, **Maiya '21**; **Rachel Shapland Bradley's** daughter, **Skye '21**; and **Todd Park's** daughter, **Mia '21**! Graduation was held on Alexander Field, and the set-up was amazing. Just like our prom in the gym – they went all out. The stage looked like a concert stage, and parents sat next to the graduates. Punahou really made the best of a difficult situation.

**Grant Kubota**, a senior vice president and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, has been named to Forbes Magazine's 2021 list of America's Best-in-State Wealth Advisors. This honor recognizes his excellence in wealth management services and professionalism and dedication to his clients. He has been with Morgan Stanley for 15 years.

**Liz Yee** was a featured panelist in the Future Now: Alumni on Revolutionary Change for Punahou's virtual Festival of Ideas and **Celeste Connors** was featured on the Reinventing a Healthier Planet panel. Visit [bit.ly/FestReplay](http://bit.ly/FestReplay) for on-demand viewing of the Festival of Ideas.

**Evan Yamasaki** was finally able to get vaccinated in Japan at the end of June, just in time for the Tokyo Olympics.



Punahou alumni Tim Andrade '94, Jason Ching '96 and their families spent the afternoon together when Tim was visiting friends and family in the Houston area. From left: Tim, his daughter, Ava, and Charlotte, Avery and Sydney Ching with their dad, Jason.



In June, '95 classmates Audrey Ida Nakamura, Shanelle Kaneshiro Yamamoto, Steffany Ho Wong, Karl Higa, Chad Zane and Stef Park had a chance to catch up with Clyne Namuo and family when he visited Hawai'i from Arizona.

**Dawn Barsana** Szewczyk moved back home from Singapore to become the deputy director of facility maintenance for the City and County of Honolulu. Off the plane from Singapore, she was sworn in a few days later. Send all your pothole complaints to her!

**Loahn Nguyen** suggested having a mid-cycle Reunion. She said the 25th was so fun, and the pandemic has been so stressful for everyone that we deserve another party. I told her she can plan it – LOL!

As we get further and further forward in the Class notes section, here's another sign that we are old (not that we needed any). While talking with a co-worker, she mentioned she was in **Casey Agena's** first class that he taught at Punahou, and also had **Jon Koshiba** as a teacher. She graduated the year we celebrated our 15th Reunion!

Take care,  
Jeri, Liz and Michelle

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From **Annmarie Goldsmith Primorac**:

Hi, everyone!

It's nice to be able to come home to visit friends and family now that a lot of COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. I was able to visit my family in the spring, and had dinner with my sister, **Catherine Goldsmith '97** Ben-Yossef, **Becki Sugihara** Stinson and **Kasumi Hara**. While visiting Honolulu, my youngest son had a dental emergency, and it was Dr. **Brandon Yokota** to the rescue! Brandon and his wife, Dr. Allison Tran-Yokota, came into the office on a Sunday to help us out. Brandon owns his own dental practice, and Allison is a periodontist. It was nice to catch up with everyone after 18 months!

**Andrea Fujii** Johnson wrote that while **Lopa Shah** and her family were visiting New York, they met up with Andrea and her family. Lopa and her family were living and working in New Delhi, India, for almost a decade before the pandemic. In 2020, Lopa and her husband, Sandeep Bapna, returned to Honolulu with their two children, Tahan and Aila, where they currently reside. Andrea and her husband, Walt Johnson, both work in TV news in New York City and live in the suburbs with their two children, Summer and Leah.

**Jon Duarte** shared that his Honolulu-based film production company, Duarte Studios, collaborated with the Punahou Alumni Relations team to produce a series of live and pre-recorded videos for the 2021 Alumni Week. A total of 26 shoots, resulting in 19 produced video segments and three live shows over the



In the spring, Jon Duarte '95 took a break from shooting to take a selfie with some very curious third graders (Class of 2030) during their recess in the Kosasa Community.

course of three months included faculty vignettes, aerial videos of the campus, musical performances and concluded with the Buff 'n Blue Together Virtual Alumni Lū'au Celebration livestream show.

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#### From Shelley Tadaki:

Congratulations on an awesome 25th Reunion! Despite being virtual, we had a great turnout with over 70 classmates participating from 13 states. A highlight was the virtual cocktail party organized by **Hanson Nguyen** and **Tracy Tom Park**. It was full of fun activities, including a video from our Class Deans Barbara Tannehill and Hugh Jenkins, opening remarks from **Jon Lim**, a slideshow of memories created by **David Walfish**, a cocktail mix-along coordinated by **Meli James**, a '90s trivia escape room designed by **Ryan Griggs** and catching up with classmates while DJ **Toma Turner '94** spun music that made us reminisce about dances in the gym.

**Sarah Harding** Traverso logged in from Saratoga, California, where she lives with her husband of 16 years, Matt, and their four children, Emma (12), twins Josephine and Elizabeth (10) and David (6). Matt is a distinguished engineer at Cisco, and Sarah runs a Pilates business that she started after her time with Cirque du Soleil ended in 2009. Sarah shared that during the pandemic, she found moments of peace listening to audiobooks while doing ballet pliés and folding endless loads of laundry. She recommends a book her cousin, Dr. Kelli Harding, wrote titled, "The Rabbit Effect: Live Longer, Happier and Healthier with Groundbreaking Science of Kindness." Sarah also stayed connected to fellow Punahou and Stanford classmate, **Dr. Jodi Jackson '95** Patterson, as did their 5- and 6-year-old sons, who were pen pals (via snail mail!) during the lockdown. See what else Sarah is up to at [sarahhardingfitness.com](http://sarahhardingfitness.com).

**Damon Yee** joined in from San Francisco, and shared that he is part of a weekly Houseparty call with **Jimmy Bennett**, **Ka'eo Vasconcellos**, **Jason Lee**, **Palani Tulewa-Gibbs**, **David Anderson** and **Greg Hamlin**. Damon said Greg recently moved from the Bay Area to Cabo San Lucas, to unplug from the tech scene for awhile. He now enjoys teaching vacationing tourists how to surf. He opened a surf school and a food truck, "Ham & Cheese." What an amazing name! Just after the Reunion, Damon traveled to Omaha for the College World Series to cheer on Vanderbilt Baseball – the team he once played for. This was his fourth trip out to see them in championships, and he was there for their big 2019 win.



Lopa Shah '95 and her family visited Andrea Fujii '95 Johnson and her family in New York earlier this year. Front row, from left: Aila Bapna, Tahan Bapna, Summer Johnson and Leah Johnson. Back row: Sandeep Bapna, Lopa, Whit Johnson and Andrea.



Before the Reunion, **Tracy Tom** Park reconnected with **Max Wanger**, who has been living in the Los Angeles area for the past 15 years, and is now in Studio City with his wife, Margaux, and two kids, who are 8 and 4 years old. Max is an accomplished photographer, whose work has been exhibited in galleries worldwide and featured in commercial and editorial campaigns for clients such as Nike, Target, Nordstrom and Vans. Last year he worked with

Taylor Swift on her new album, “Evermore.” You can see his work at [maxwangerprintshop.com](http://maxwangerprintshop.com) and at Urban Outfitters and Madewell.

While reaching out to classmates for the Reunion, **Bryan Gammel** reconnected with **Reina Minoya**, who wrote in that she lives in Folsom, California with her husband, Andrew, and their two girls, Siena (8) and Stella (6). Reina is the assistant general counsel of CalSTRS, the second largest pension fund in

the country. Andrew also works as an attorney, running two businesses of his own. They are looking forward to visiting Costa Rica, a trip they had to postpone many times last year.

Many of our classmates chose to celebrate our Reunion year by contributing to the Class Gift. We had a fantastic turnout, especially considering pandemic times. As of the end of June, our total was just over \$200,000 with a 25% participation rate! It's a new fiscal year and contributions at this point won't be counted toward our Reunion campaign, but you are always welcome to donate at [punahou.edu/giving/give-now](http://punahou.edu/giving/give-now). Mahalo to everyone who participated in our 25th Reunion. Hope to see you all in person in 2026!



Catching up at the Class of '96 virtual cocktail party. Top row, from left: Shelley Tadaki, Damon Yee and Jennifer Tom. Bottom row: Sarah Harding Traverso, Lori Hashimoto and Garret Tyau.

**Class of 1997**

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Class of 1997 hosted this year's Alumni Week drive-through, distributing lū'au dinners, haku lei kits, Holoholo run socks and Reunion merchandise. Mahalo, '97!



Over the summer these '97 classmates got together and caught up at Nick Yamada's restaurant, Uahi Island Grill in Kailua. From left: Katherine and Jason Hills, Jay Pricher, Kristy Reilly Kellerman, Jenny Gross Gershman, Katie Watanabe Bennett, Paula Ota, J.R. Johnson and Nick Yamada.



Classmates from '97 prepped lū'au food at Dole Hall for the Alumni week drive-through.

Aloha, '97!

It's great to know that many of us have found ways to keep in touch remotely for over a year of physical distancing. This year was our Class' turn to host the Alumni Lū'au. Although the usual in-person festivities were not possible (again), we were at least able to get together to help prep, assemble and distribute meals for the drive-through Lū'au pick up. Thank you to everyone who showed up to volunteer and represent our Class. BIG MAHALO to our Alumni Lū'au Chairs, **AhLinn Yamane Sue**, **Darren Takaki**, **David Sugihara** and **Stephanie Chun** Nomura, for coordinating the event and organizing all of us!

Now, this means that we can start planning for our 25th Reunion! We'd love to connect with more of you before then, so please send an update to any of our seven Class correspondents to share in an upcoming Bulletin.

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Aloha, '98ers:

For the first time in forever, we have tons of news to report!

**Krishna Alexandra Grill-Childers** has written a new musical, "Dublin Rising," about the women involved in the 1916 Irish Revolution. The cast album is being recorded (delayed due to COVID-19), and the hope is to open off-Broadway once the pandemic is over – then maybe on Broadway!

Fellow Class correspondent, **Jarin Udom**, has opened a new store, Bards & Cards, in San Diego. Riding the geek renaissance, the store focuses on pen and paper RPGs and tabletop games. Check it out if you're in the area!

**Naomi Baria** Di Condina, and husband, Joe, have opened Hana Kitchens Hawai'i in downtown Honolulu. The space is a commercial kitchen and incubator space for local restaurants, including The Local General Store and Punahou alumni-owned Banán. It's a brand-new way to get great food to market!

**Sakura Takano** has become the CEO of Rotary Charities in Traverse City, Michigan. She oversees a multimillion-dollar philanthropic endowment, whose mission is to make systemic changes to improve and uplift the community. It's a fantastic thing, and we couldn't be prouder of Saku!

In moving around news: **Tara Molnar** Herlitz moved to Indiana, **Alapa'i Andrews** has moved to Hawai'i Island, and **Koa Beasley** has moved to Makiki from Wai'anae as the new area fire captain. Keep us safe during the Flaming P, Koa!

Dr. **John Morioka**, my personal dentist, was named one of Honolulu's Best by Honolulu Magazine. I personally vouch for the quality of work, and my teeth have never looked better.

In baby news: **Kristen Carreira**, Wisconsin's foremost dog-finder, recently welcomed her son, Etienne. **Wade Ichinose**, who lives in Nashville, welcomed baby Winnie in April. **Derek Suehiro** welcomed baby Noah at the end of 2020. **Starr Johnson Tuki**, who got married last summer, just welcomed her baby, Ko'akuru Pi'ilani Ruawhetu Tuki, this summer. Congratulations!

**Minda Yamaga** got married in May, and hired **Nolan Hong's** Pop Creative Media to produce her virtual wedding reception. Also, Minda's daughter, **Sisi '21**, and **Mandy Oniate** Marumoto's daughter, **Haylie '21**, both graduated from Punahou in June. I believe they are now the second and third '98er kids to graduate from Punahou. Congratulations!

And to wrap up the good news, as of this writing, **Bibi Fell's** daughter, Maddie, successfully completed her cancer treatment and had her chemo plug removed. For anyone that's followed her battle on Bibi's social media, Maddie has proved to be the fiercest of warriors!

That's a wrap. Until next time!

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From **Taryn Yano Kabei** and **Cheryl Cambra Prather**:

We hope everyone is remaining safe and masking up. This year was an exciting year for many of us as we "partied like it's 1999" and (safely) celebrated our 40th and 41st birthdays.

We have much to celebrate with the arrival of new babies, new careers, many of our classmates moving back home to the Islands and quality time spent with family and friends.

**BREAKING NEWS:** We are officially old enough to be a Carnival theme! Yes, Punahou Carnival 2022 will celebrate all the hella cool things about the '90s. Dust off your SONY discman and rollerblades cause the Junior Class is going "Back in Time to '99." Save Feb. 4 and 5, 2022 to support the Class of 2023!

**MORE BREAKING NEWS:** Please welcome **Sara Tomonari Field**, who has joined **Kelly Spondike Borah** as co-correspondent for our Class notes! You can reach them through their emails in the column header. Send Sara and Kelly the updates, news and images that you'd like to share with our Class and the Punahou community.



Friends from the Class '99 celebrated Laura Edmunds '99 Ka'akua's birthday and Matt Sullivan's trip home during the short window in June, when it appeared safe for vaccinated people to gather. From left: Krislyn Hashimoto, friend Kyle McDaniel, Lacey Kazama Shimabukuro, Nicole Altman, Laura Edmunds Ka'akua, Jana Yee Lam, Sara Tomonari Field and Matt Sullivan.

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Welcome home, **Marissa Rueter Garwin**! The Garwin 'ohana lived in San Francisco for five years, then in Encinitas for five years. They moved home recently with their daughter, Avery (5), and son, Taj (2). Marissa is a



Lesli-Ann Yano '93, Ryan Hew '99 and Krislyn Hashimoto '99 caught up at Alohilani Resort's SWELL, enjoying the summer sun at an outdoor gathering for a friend's birthday celebration.



Welcome home to Marissa Rueter '00 Garwin and her 'ohana, who recently moved to Hawai'i from the West Coast. From left, Marissa holding Taj, Avery and Matt.



Congratulations to Tammy Funasaki '00 and her husband, Bryan Hoffman, who were married at the Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina on Leap Day, Feb. 29, 2020, right before the pandemic.



Congratulations! Tammy Funasaki '00 and Bryan Hoffman welcomed their baby, Kai Louis Hoffman, on May 20, 2021.

licensed marriage and family therapist with a master's degree from Chaminade University, and her husband, Matt, is a senior project manager for L7 Informatics. Marissa is stoked to surf in warm waters again.

Congratulations to **Tammy Funasaki**, who married Bryan Hoffman on Leap Day, Feb. 29, 2020, at the Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina. (Right before COVID-19 hit.) Her bridesmaids included classmates **Lois Mitsunaga** and **Christie Inouye**. **Lauren Hiramoto '01** Smith was her fabulous wedding planner. Tammy and Bryan welcomed baby, Kai Louis Hoffman, on May 20, 2021. The Hoffman family lives in Los Angeles, where Bryan is a senior producer for a reality TV show, and Tammy is the head of Investor Relations at a private equity and private credit firm.

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Aloha, everyone!

Even though you're reading this in the fall, this entry is being written on the heels of a VERY successful Reunion week! I was honored to volunteer alongside **Kari Akamine**, **Kyler Chong**, **Matt Dvonch**, **Greg Endo**, **Leina Ijacic**, **Bucky Jencks**, **Ikaika Jobe**, **Arynn Nagahiro**, **Kara Sugihara** Nguyen, **Andrew Omori**, **Keri**

**Nakamura Ouye**, **Mark Rau**, **Scott and Kellie James Schmidtke**, **E. Z. Smith**, **Anthony Williams** and **Lauren Chang** Williams. I had a blast reconnecting with everyone during the festivities! If you get a chance to see any of these classmates, tell them thank you for putting together a great 20th Class Reunion celebration!

In other news, there was a bunch of updates sent in this quarter!

**Ikaika Jobe** has been busy, welcoming twins into the world with his wife, **Nica Nordyke '08** and working as director of tennis at Punahou! Congratulations, Ikaika!

**Michael Levin** has good news about his latest promotion. He's now a professor in the department of psychology at Utah State University and the director for the Combined Clinical/Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program! Congratulations, Michael!

Also, congratulations to **Will Nguyen**, who was recently nominated by Pacific Business News for the Class of 2021 Forty Under 40! Will is a Principal at BlackSand Capital and making big enough waves to garner this recognition! Congratulations, Will!

**Lauren Esposito** writes in with news about her work at Books 4 Keiki! This 501(c)(3) nonprofit brings free books and supplies to DOE Title I preschool children to build their at-home libraries to promote early literacy. Keep it up, Lauren!

Finally, here are **Henry Bley-Vroman's** big life updates from the last year. First, Henry married Kelsey White last Halloween (Congratulations!), then he and Kelsey moved home in June. Henry is working on web development remotely, and he even jumped on our Reunion pau hana! It was nice to see him and wish him a happy "welcome home!"



Ikaika Jobe '01 and his wife, Nica Nordyke '08, with their twins, Makani and Keanu. Congratulations!



Henry Bley-Vroman '01 and wife, Kelsey, pose for a picture with their intimate wedding party during Halloween last year.

As for me, one Reunion weekend experience definitely sticks out. I had the honor of playing golf with **Reid Matsushima**, **Brent Nakamura** and **Chris Yim** during our Reunion tournament. It was awesome to catch up with everyone that

played. Since I rode in the cart with Reid, I can report he's doing well with the birth of his latest child, Zaya! Congratulations, Reid! If anyone needs a golfing buddy, let me know. I'm always down to catch up with classmates on the course!

Hope you are safe and healthy, wherever you are. I know there are a lot of crazy stories from the past year. It was great to catch up over Reunion weekend and here in the Class column.

If you have any news to share, please reach out! You can email Kara or me directly, subscribe to our Class newsletter at [buffnblue.com](http://buffnblue.com) or follow our Class Instagram and Facebook Group pages.

Aloha for now,  
Nick



Lauren Esposito '01 (back right) and daughter, Isabella Lezama '29 (front right), pose for a photo during a "Books 4 Keiki" event.

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**Shelley Toy** recently joined the board of directors for Child & Family Service, a local nonprofit that provides social services to families across the Islands. Shelley along with **Marissa Machida**, **Yumi Adachi** and **Cecily Reber Sakai** volunteer regularly to support Child & Family Service's fundraising efforts and program services.

Cecily Reber Sakai was also a featured panelist in a recent Wahine Rise forum on Wellness. Wahine Rise, an association that



Marisa Brotman '02 Guerrero, who runs Wahine Rise, is pictured with her event speakers. From left: Crystal Pancipanci, Meli James '96, Marisa, Breana Grosz and Sarah Kawakami.

aims to connect, inspire and ignite wahine, is run by **Marisa Brotman Guerrero**.

**Scot Matayoshi** shared that **Chelsea Tanimura** recently gave birth to a baby boy, Arlo. Congratulations, Chelsea!

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**Robby Field** completed the University of Hawai'i's Shidler School of Business Executive MBA program, and graduated this past May. Other Punahou alums in his cohort included **Tahnee Allman '08 Towill** and **Boyd Nobriga '93**. Congrats, grads!

**Jennifer Chin** recently joined the partnership at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, a Honolulu law firm. **Kira Teshima Conlon** was also named partner at Sheppard Mullin in Los Angeles.

We got a chance to catch up with **Ryan Komori**, who founded Savor Lining, a company whose mission is to empower people to recognize joy in their daily moments. After dealing with his own personal struggles and realizing that he was unaware of the importance of mental health and fitness, he founded Savor Lining in 2020. He is grateful for the support of our classmates, including **Chris Liu**, **Adam Altman** (Ryan's roommate during their sophomore year in college), **Aaron Hoo**, **Brandon Kai**, **John Yamane** and **Daniel Druger**,

whose investments and advice have been invaluable to the company's success. Over the summer, Ryan was excited to meet up with Adam to eat out at a restaurant and go out for happy hour with John and Daniel as Los Angeles reopened. He also caught up with **Kara Miyasato** at a 100-day celebration for her niece, Zooney, the daughter of **Gavin '97** and **Nikki Miyasato '06 Fukada**, who got married in 2019. Turns out Gavin is Ryan's second cousin, so now he and Kara are family!

We hope everyone was able to attend the series of three mental fitness webinars that Ryan moderated for the Punahou alumni community a few months ago! With the pandemic, there has been so much focus on our physical health. We are glad there is a renewed emphasis on the importance of caring for our mental health. Stay well.

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any updates to share!

Krystle and Christine

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**Kawai Abley** is in his ninth year of working for the Honolulu Fire Department. Specifically, he works at the McCully-Mō'ili'ili station. He and wife, Pukui (Kamehameha '02), have a daughter, Yukie (3). Kawai frequently sees **Steve Kugisaki**, **Josh Balete**, **Mike Tanuvasa**, **Bill Brady**, **Alex Chock** and **Rob Miller**.

**Rob Miller** wrote that after eight years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, he and wife, Chelsie, decided to move back home in

December. While on active duty, Rob was a federal prosecutor in the Special Victim Unit. He was fortunate to land a job working for the U.S. Army at Schofield Barracks and now works as a civilian attorney in the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i. As Chief of Tort Claims and Litigation, Rob oversees the investigation and disposition of all wrongful death, personal injury, and property damage claims pursued against the U.S. Army. Rob and Chelsie have three sons, La'akea (6), Hōkūpa'a (4) and Keaolewa (4). La'akea is currently enrolled at Kamehameha (Chelsie's alma mater), and he hopes that his twin sons will one day attend Punahou!

**Jana Tsuruda Chow** also moved back to the Islands a few years ago from Las Vegas. Jana and husband, Kaimana, have three children, Kailani-Mya (3), Ronin (2) and Raiden (1). Jana works at Hawaii Hand & Rehabilitation Services as an occupational therapist specializing in hand injuries.

**Jeremy Kort** continues to work as an internal medicine physician at Straub Medical Center. He and wife, **Amanda Di Bella '03**, have two children, Luca (6) and Bella (2). Luca is in first grade at 'Iolani, and Bella is starting this fall at Pali Preschool.

**Mike Azuma** is a deputy prosecutor who handles mostly felony jury trials in circuit court. Mike and his wife, Alli, live in the Ward area of Honolulu.

**Darien Batzer Luce** lives in Seattle with her husband and two children, Marcela and Anton. Darien frequently sees **Shannon Miwa**, who also lives in the Seattle area.

**Kelsey Jandoc** gave an awesome update about her life. In the last few years, Kelsey received a master's degree in Legal Studies in Entrepreneurship Law and Strategy from Arizona State University Law School. Soon thereafter she enrolled in a JD program at Seattle University Law School. This spring, she finished her 2L year remotely at home. In her second year, Kelsey was the president of the Entertainment and Sports Law Association, as well as the Communications Director for the Black Law Students Association. Outside of school, she co-hosts a podcast called, 2Legit. Various Punahou alumni like **Harrison Goo** and **Derek Turbin '02** have been guests on the podcast. Last, Kelsey told us to look out for her new venture, Not Water, a minority-owned startup that collaborates with other minority-owned startup alcohol labels to produce a limited-edition collaborative product, while also providing startup needs that include legal, business, marketing, finance and branding support.

**Tiger Fang** has been working in the startup world in Asia, since leaving New York in 2012. After gallivanting around much of Southeast Asia and China launching and growing Uber, Tiger settled in Jakarta and launched his own startup in logistics – Kargo Technologies. He



Thomas Lee '05 and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their daughter, Ember, on April 6, 2021.

Congratulations to **Thomas Lee** and his wife, Jessica, who welcomed their first child, Ember Ming Hui Fabrigas Lee, on April 6, 2021.

**Terence Wong** joined the Harvey Mudd College Board of Trustees to advance the college's mission to educate the next generation of engineers, scientists and mathematicians. He is currently a Strategy Insights and Planning Associate Consultant at ZS Associates, where he delivers innovative solutions for clients in the biotech and pharma industries.

**Hannah Chang** serves on the board of Dong Ji Hoi, a nonprofit that awards the Dr. Syngman Rhee Scholarship to Korean American college bound students from Hawai'i. Dong Ji Hoi is celebrating its 100-year anniversary. Please feel free to reach out to learn more about the scholarship at [hawaiidjh@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiidjh@gmail.com) or [hawaiidjh.wixsite.com/djhhawaii](http://hawaiidjh.wixsite.com/djhhawaii).

**Lynn Yee** recently launched the Tofu Skin Method ([tofuskinmethod.com](http://tofuskinmethod.com)) a complete and sustainable skin care method focused on the use of vitamin-rich, high-quality natural products. It is based on the skincare philosophy of Lynn's Popo.

**Paige Markham** recently moved home to Hawai'i and is running a full-time practice specializing in women's health and facial rejuvenation.

**Andrew Mau** relocated his design studio, MAU-HOUSE, and highly curated retail shop, ISLANDBOY, to Kaka'ako. The shop features an eclectic mix of local, national and international artists, vintage houseware, lifestyle brands and floral services. See what Andrew is up to at [@islandboy.shop](https://www.instagram.com/islandboy.shop) and [@mau\\_house](https://www.instagram.com/mau_house) on Instagram!



In June, members of the Class of 2006 celebrated their 15th Class Reunion at DECK, in Waikiki.

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Aloha, everyone!

We were able to celebrate our 15th Reunion in June, with both in person and virtual events, including a pau hana at DECK, and a community service project at Kualoa Ranch. A huge thank you to our Reunion committee for their efforts in organizing and bringing our Class together – especially during the pandemic! The Reunion was a great time to catch up with many of our classmates, some of whom were on O'ahu visiting friends and family. In other updates:

is fortunate enough to be working with **John DeCosta**, who is CFO of the company. Kargo Technologies will be expanding regionally in 2022! Both John and Tiger have extended the offer to anyone who is interested in making a move to Southeast Asia, as they have offices in Jakarta and Singapore.

Continue reaching out with any and all life updates by emailing Kristen at [zodrowkf@gmail.com](mailto:zodrowkf@gmail.com) or communicating through Facebook Messenger, Instagram and text.

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Aloha, Class of 2005!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer! Here are some updates from our classmates:



Friends from the Class of '07, Chelsea Yim, Josh Cutts, Lauren Rigney, Raquel Guss Weed, and Zach Cutts, enjoyed a hike in Portland, Oregon.

**Rose Evelyn Friedheim** survived brain surgery (!) and will be graduating later this fall with a PsyD in Clinical Psychology with a focus on Infant Mental Health and a Certification in Somatic Ecotherapy. She will be moving home and is looking forward to connecting with fellow classmates.

**Kelly Aldinger** also had a recent graduate milestone, getting her doctorate in Nursing Practice from Oregon Health & Science University in June, specializing as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She currently lives on the Oregon Coast, surfs every day there are waves and runs a virtual private practice, "Talking Twenties," which is focused on supporting college-aged youth.

**Emma Candon** has been busy writing with her debut novel, coming out in October 2021. Emma was asked to write, "Star Wars Visions: Ronin," a Japanese reimagining of the Star Wars mythos. Emma also sold her original speculative fiction novel, "The Archive Undying" to *Tor.com*, due to come out in 2023, with a sequel in 2024.

On the medical front, **Kurt Yoshino** is working in a private practice as an obstetrician-gynecologist in Honolulu, where he says he

gets to work with **Carly Wachi** in anesthesia quite a bit during surgery. **Yuree Nam** Lin and her husband, **Alex Lin '05**, moved back home after their medical training in 2019. Both are working at Kaiser Permanente.

On the education front, quite a few of our classmates are working in schools as teachers and coaches. **Erin Nakamura** teaches first grade at Nu'uuanu Elementary in Honolulu. **Jeanette Hall** Torres just started a new role as senior instructional designer in the eLearn department at Kamehameha Schools. **Chris Chock** finished his sixth year teaching high school chemistry and physics at Punahou. **Charlie Field** is also at Punahou. He wrapped up his 10th season as head coach of the sailing team, and was excited to cap off a successful season, finishing Top 3 in all divisions. Charlie said it was great to be out on the water again with the team to see dolphins, turtles and a lot of smiling faces.

In Washington, **Bronson Young** is coaching varsity volleyball at Ingraham High School in Seattle. **Marc Watasaki** is both a teacher and coach at Lahainaluna High School in Lahaina, Maui, teaching social studies, coaching boys varsity volleyball, assistant coaching for air

riflery and advising for two student groups – Health Occupations Students of America and Best Buddies.

On the East Coast, **Julie Trubitt** is also a high school teacher, teaching multiple levels of biology (AP, Gen Ed and SEI) at The English High School, part of the Boston Public Schools, in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

In the Bay Area, **Grant Kondo** is a piano teacher in San Jose. I often see **Jared Furuta**, who is a college lecturer in sociology at Stanford University, where he teaches classes on globalization, social theory and organizational behavior. His campus is right across the street from Castilleja School, where I teach U.S. History, Asian American studies and economics. This update doesn't cover nearly all of the people from our Class working in education, but I hope we'll be able to share our experiences and keep in touch.

Thanks to **Carly Hiromoto** for continuing to manage our Instagram account – [@punahou2006](#). Follow us there for additional updates and ways to connect.

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Hello, all!

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It's crazy to think about the last two years. Here are a few feel good updates as we get closer to closing out 2021.

Congratulations to **Kaylee Chun** and her husband, Eric Foster, who welcomed their son, Hideo Lee, on May 7, 2021! Though Hideo entered the world five weeks early, everyone is happy and healthy! Kaylee, Eric, Hideo and their cat, Earl Grey, currently reside in Los Angeles. Kaylee works at NBC Universal in Learning and Development and Eric is a freelance animator. Kaylee and Eric can't wait to take Hideo on their favorite hikes and continue eating their way through all the great L.A. restaurants as COVID restrictions are lifted.

**Pauline Kunichika** Foo and her husband, Joseph, welcomed their second son, Quinn Emmett, on June 25, 2021. Their oldest son, Roman, is almost 3 years old. Pauline and her family have been living in Texas, but recently moved to California this past summer for her husband's job. Joseph finished his gynecology surgery residency at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center and started a new job in the Bay Area. Pauline was working as a clinical social worker doing mental health therapy up until Quinn's birth. She hopes to find a part-time job in California once they are





*Peter Kam '08 about to take a flight on a C-130 to fix an airfield.*

settled, and is very excited to be closer to family in Hawai'i!

There was a wonderful mini reunion in July 2021, when **Raquel Guss Weed, Chelsea Yim, Lauren Rigney, Josh and Zach Cutts** met up in Portland, Oregon, for hiking and some quality time! Lauren and Josh recently moved to Portland. They met the rest of the crew when Chelsea traveled up for an Oregon visit.

Thank you all for sending in your updates!

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**Brian Piotrowski** moved back to Hawai'i in February 2021 to work in his family's business, Karl's Construction Services, LLC, which provides construction loan monitoring and commercial building inspection services in Hawai'i. Brian recently bought a condo in 'Aiea near the Pearl City Country Club and is excited to be back in Hawai'i.

**Peter Kam** is based at Camp Pendleton in California and is hoping to relocate to Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kāne'ohe Bay.

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**Marie Bellamy** of Tokyo and Ryo Miyake of Chiba, Japan, met near the start of the pandemic online at a Zoom party organized by a mutual friend. After this first meeting, Marie and Ryo met in person and eventually became engaged. They wed on Aug. 1, 2020 and honeymooned in Kyoto. The Miyakes plan to hold a ceremony and reception in Tokyo, where they currently live, with friends and family in 2022. After graduating from Punahou, Marie matriculated at King's College London, where she earned her degree in business management in 2012. She returned to Tokyo, where she works as a marketing and social media manager for Rakuten Investment Management. Ryo graduated from Keio University in Tokyo, and is a fencer. At the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, he won a silver medal in the men's team foil. He won a gold medal in the men's team foil at the 2019 Asian Fencing Championships in Chiba. We'll share more news next year!

**Julie Yamashiro** of Honolulu and Thomas Jefferson "TJ" Kelly of Pittsburg, California, first met each other at the University of Southern California's Health Science campus when she was in graduate school and he was a lab manager. In January 2020, after four years



*Congratulations and best wishes to Marie Bellamy '09 and Ryo Miyake, who wed on Aug. 1, 2020, in Japan.*



*Classmates, fellow alumni and friends celebrated Julie Yamashiro '09 and TJ Kelly's wedding at the Moana Surfriider in Waikiki. Front row, from left: Justin Kang, Ashlyn Okimoto '09, Vivian Eng '09, Jessica Lum '09, Wil Tafolo '06 and Lauren Hiramoto '01 Smith. Back row: Al Hiu '83, Micah Hiu '21, Ray Hironaka '80, Jeff Yamashiro '12, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka '84, Kellee Sin, Jon Sin, TJ Kelly, Julie Yamashiro '09 Kelly, Alex Yee '09, John Yamauchi, Danielle Evangelista '09 and Lauren Okimoto '09.*

together, T.J surprised Julie by proposing to her on the beach near the Aulani resort in Ko Olina. Julie and T.J were wed at the Moana Surfrider Resort in Waikīkī. Due to local restrictions, the couple had to limit attendance to the wedding ceremony and reception. A small ceremony, officiated by Julie's aunt **Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka '84**, was held on the lanai of the Penthouse Suite, 21 stories above the beach, with immediate family and the wedding party in attendance. The ceremony was also livestreamed over Zoom. The reception was held in the Beachhouse Grand Salon and was attended by a slightly larger group of local extended family and California friends, including several classmates and fellow alumni. **Wil Tafolo '06** provided live music, playing unique mashups of oldies, Disney music and favorites from high school. Family and friends shared their thoughts in speeches. The Kellys live in Inglewood, California, with their dog, Barack, and cat, Stormi. Julie is a physical therapist with a geriatric certified specialty, and works with cardiac, cancer and transplant populations in an inpatient rehabilitation setting. T.J is in technical sales for Discover Echo, a microscopy company.

**Taylor Hamilton** delivered the faculty address to the graduating Class at this year's Baccalaureate ceremony, which took place outside the Chapel, next to the Lily Pond. He was nominated and selected by the seniors themselves. Taylor worked diligently on the

speech, but had to keep it a secret for two months that he had been selected to speak. His speech was about being kind to everyone you meet and in everything you do through the FISH! Philosophy, inspired by the high-spirited fishmongers of Pike's Place Market in Seattle. The four principles are: "Be there" (emotionally present); "Play;" "Make their day" (in a meaningful way); and "Choose your attitude." Taylor teaches this philosophy to all of his students alongside his mathematics lessons. Taylor noted that the Class of 2021 would have been in kindergarten when we were seniors, and might have encountered us at pep rallies with the football team. He feels truly honored and considers the speech a highlight of his teaching career.

Congratulations to Marie and Ryo, Julie and T.J, and Taylor!

Please continue to send in your notes and photos, as we love hearing from you and sharing your exciting life updates with the Punahou community!

We'll leave you with a quote from Taylor's speech: "Even on the hardest of days we've been through this past year or will in the future, we all have to find creative ways to continue to show kindness. If we were each able to be kinder to ourselves and others even on our bad days, I wonder what kind of mathematical limit value we could approach in terms of kindness ... Maybe infinity ..."

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From **Noelle Grace**:

Aloha, Class of 2010:

First – a huge congratulations to **Carissa Moore** for winning a gold medal in surfing at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics this summer and inspiring us all with her humility, kindness and hard work! We also want to send our congratulations to **Taylor Crabb** for his terrific volleyball career and continued success. We are so proud of each of you! Through the highs and lows of your incredible journeys, we are always cheering for you!

**Anita Goo** Palmer and her husband, Matt, welcomed their second child, Bodie Kolea Palmer, on June 4, 2021. Daughter, Willa, is a proud big sister!

**Kathrin Hashemi** has been accepted to Georgetown McDonough's School of Business, and will be starting classes in the fall! She is absolutely thrilled about the opportunity and the new adventure. If there are any Punahou Hoyas who have gone through the program, Kathrin is eager to connect with you.

**Kai Rounds** recently moved from northern Delaware to the South Bay Area and caught up with **Kevin Moy** and **Chloe Mai** in Palo Alto. He would love to connect with other 2010ers and find unique food spots in the Bay Area!

Classmates from "The Cove" are still close friends and spend a lot of time together (most recently for takeout curry dinners)! **Scott Peiterson** just moved home from New Jersey, and his friends are very excited about that. **Aaron Do** and **David Webb** are working on Ph.D.s. Aaron's is in astrophysics and David's is in mathematics (perhaps neither a surprise to 2010 classmates!). **Alex Char** is a programmer and **Chase Yap** recently finished a master's in criminal justice.

I visited one of my favorite Punahou teachers, **Casey Agena '94**, in Seattle in the spring and spent time exploring the city with **Kathryn Lau**. I treasured regular video chats with Punahou friends throughout the pandemic.

If you would like to share a photo or an update for the next issue of the Bulletin, please email [punahoubulletin2010@gmail.com](mailto:punahoubulletin2010@gmail.com) or reach out to us on Facebook.



These 2010 classmates from "The Cove" hangout spot are all still close friends, and have recently met up for a weekly take-out dinner at Curry House. From left: Chase Yap, Alex Char, David Webb and Scott Peiterson.



Matt Parrish '11 and Molly McMahon '11 at Brew'd in Kaimukī for their 10th Class Reunion.



Congratulations to Natasha Oxe '11, who married Drew Spaventa, on Oct. 16, 2020, in Santa Barbara, California. The newlyweds are living in La Jolla, where Natasha is an account manager at ecoATM.



On June 15, 2021, Mountain Mitchell '11 married Liana Whitford at her parents' home in Kailua. They currently live on O'ahu, where Mountain works in sales at PauBox.

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Aloha, Class of 2011!

Can you believe it's been 10 years since we graduated? Wow! Buff 'n Blue Together: Virtual Alumni Lū'au Celebration and Alumni Week was a great celebration! Mahalo nui to the amazing classmates who worked long and hard to put together the events for our Reunion. We loved hearing

about all of your wonderful achievements and life developments.

Ho'omaika'i to **Ryan Catalani**, the director of advancement for Hawai'i Children's Action Network, who was recently selected from a strong field of nominees to receive Pacific Business News' 22nd Annual 40 Under 40 award. This award goes to young professionals



A virtual celebration was hosted by Max Tave '11 and Jenny Ching '11, where 2011 classmates learned how to mix Reunion libations and bake caramel cuts. That's a happy 10th Class Reunion!



These 2012 alumni enjoyed a pick-up game of tennis at 'Āina Haina Community Park. Front row, from left: Jon Kam and Kelsey Yamanaka. Back row: Ryan Wong, Joshua McDonough and Harrison Jeong.



Thomas Hlohinec and Natalie Lau '12 commemorating their marriage in Siesta Key, Florida. Congratulations to the happy couple!



Congratulations to Josh and Kayla Allen '13 Di Novo, who welcomed their son, Maverick, on May 16, 2021.

making significant impacts on Hawai'i businesses and communities.

**Patrick O'Neill** celebrated a third-place victory at the Kentucky Derby as partial owner of racehorse, Hot Rod Charlie. **Matt Feeley, Matt Parrish, Charlie Yamamoto, Daley King and Alex Chang** all made the trip to Churchill Downs to join in on the festivities. Congrats to the O'Neill family!

As always, we encourage you to remain connected to your classmates and to support each other on email, the phone, Zoom, Instagram or Facebook. We always love to hear about you, Class of 2011! Please continue to send updates and pictures.

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Aloha, 2012!

We hope you and your loved ones are doing well. As a friendly reminder, if you have any news that you would like to share in our Class column, please email notes and photos to [classof2012alumninotes@gmail.com](mailto:classof2012alumninotes@gmail.com). You can also contact any of our four Class correspondents with questions or comments.

Mahalo,

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Hello, 2013ers!

Lots of updates so let's get started!

**Carly Kan** has been traveling and competing in volleyball tournaments. Along with her two volleyball partners, they won The Clash Tournament in Lexington, South Carolina.

**Kayla Allen Di Novo** gave birth to Maverick James Keko'olani Di Novo on May 16, 2021. Kayla wrote: "We named Maverick after my grandpa because he was my best friend and go-to my entire life. Maverick was what all of my Grandpa's friends described him as at his celebration of life. He's the first grandbaby and great-grandbaby in the family, and we are all obsessed with him!"



No distance was too far (San Diego, Hawai'i and New York) for these 2013 friends to come together to celebrate Keith's wedding in South Carolina. From left: Dylan Takamori, Raffy Howe, Keith Dowsett, Kory Johnson, Gus Soderholm and Dylan Gerard.



Congratulations to our Class of 2013 alumni, who are now also JABSOM Class of 2021 alumni! From left: Darreon Schwartz, Taylor Peter-Bibb, Tiffany Lau, Taryn Miyake and Alex Shin.

**Katie Hamm, Sammy Hedrick and Gracie Kimura** took advantage of their companies' WFH period to WFL, aka "Work from London," for one month! Sammy quickly adapted to how walkable the city is and fell asleep on every Tube ride. Katie experienced driving on the other side of the road when driving the group to Stonehenge and wouldn't recommend it! Gracie made sure to stay away from the big, scary birds. What a fun girls trip!

**Lance Chee, Nelson Huynh, Ali Kamikawa and Johnson Lam** enjoyed a Las Vegas vacation. They gambled and took a scenic trip to the Grand Canyon. The trip was filled with great food, fireflies and, of course, good vibes.

**Sarah Moore Fucito** married Stephen Fucito on May 22, 2021, in L'Auberge Del Mar, California. Many 2013ers attended her wedding, including **Jensen Toner, Dempsey Banks, Sophia Miller, Emily Hamoccon and Alexa Ito.**

**Nick Velasquez** is playing professional basketball in Armenia, for the Yerevan Mad Foxes. He told me: "Armenia is one of the first Christian countries ever. There are a lot of big and old churches." His teammates have also taught him some Armenian!

**Casey Matsumoto** graduated from George Washington Law School in 2020. She moved home temporarily in January to clerk for Justice Wilson on the Hawai'i Supreme Court. After her clerkship is done in 2023, she will return to the D.C. area to work in a private firm.

Carling and **Keith Dowsett** married on April 13, 2021, in Charleston, South Carolina. His parents mailed a maile and kukui nut lei for the ceremony. Keith's brother, **David '02**, was the officiant. **Dylan Gerard, Raffy Howe, Dylan Takamori, Gus Soderholm and Kory Johnson** made the trip to support Keith on his big day! The Dowsetts welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Kennedy Lailani, in June.

**Avi Finn** got her master's in event planning in December, from New York University. She is now working as an executive assistant in Goldman Sachs' Executive Office. She also founded At Lane's End, a female social network rooted in relatively small and intimate in-person events. It is a place for women to support women. We love that! Instagram: [@atlanesend](https://www.instagram.com/atlanesend).

**Kelci Keeno** is on track to earn a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Education with a Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Technology at Johns Hopkins University. Wow!

**Erin Ichinotsubo** received her doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. She is currently doing her one year residency in San Diego. Go! Dr. Ichinotsubo!

**Kika Masunaga** graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry.



Courtney Choy '14 is officially Miss Hawaii 2021 and a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Well done, Courtney! Her advice to classmates, "Be yourself, and never give up."



Makana Williams '14, who won the Robert Arnhyrn Scholastic Achievement Award, participated in the Miss California competition as Miss Culver City. Congratulations, Makana!

She is currently doing her residency at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

We have even more doctors in the house! Big congratulations to **Tiffany Lau**, **Taryn Miyake**, **Taylor Peter-Bibb**, **Darreon Schwartz** and **Alex Shin** for graduating from JABSOM this past May. They will be doing their residencies next year. Tiffany: UH, Pediatrics. Taryn: UH, Internal Medicine. Taylor: George Washington University, Emergency Medicine. Darreon: Tuscon Hospitals Medical Education and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Transitional Anesthesiology. Alex: UH, Psychiatry. We are in good hands!

Congratulations to everyone!

Shoots, Turner!

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Aloha, 2014!

Big news in this round of notes!

If you haven't heard ... **Courtney Choy** is officially Miss Hawaii 2021! In just one weekend, Courtney was crowned the winner of Miss Hawaii 2021, and she graduated from William S. Richardson School of Law, along with **Kaitlyn Waki**, **Ellen Ashford** and **Hi'ilani Thomas**. Ellen says she loved reconnecting with those classmates in law school and is looking forward to working with them and our other classmates attending Richardson or other law schools in the future! Congratulations to all of our recent law school graduates! I am sure I am missing quite a few of you, so please reach out and share!

Courtney initially started her journey to becoming Miss Hawaii by entering and winning the Miss Chinatown title in 2019. She was drawn to the competition by a desire to try something new, and a little bit outside of her comfort zone, and she saw it as a phenomenal opportunity to learn about herself and her history as a Chinese American. She'll go on to compete in the 100th Anniversary of the Miss America competition. When I spoke with Courtney and asked her what she wanted to tell our Class, she said, "Be yourself and never give up." I cannot think of any better advice in life. We will be cheering you on every step of the way! Good luck, Courtney! You have made us so proud!

Speaking of winners, **Makana Williams** won the Robert Arnhyrn Scholastic Achievement



Victoria "Tori" Rooks '14 with her dog, Tilly, enjoying Kailua Beach.



*Kylee Yoshikawa '15 graduated with a master's degree in Counseling Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy from San Diego State University.*



*Miranda Oda '15 graduated with a master's degree in Global Business from Pepperdine University, and is now a full-time financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual Hawai'i.*

award, and was able to represent in the Miss California competition as Miss Culver City. She is starting her third year at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and is aiming to pursue a career in dermatology. Congratulations, Makana! Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I'll let you know if I am ever in L.A.!

Speaking of wonderful women, **Tori Rooks** recently moved back to O'ahu, after spending seven years in Boston. She is currently working remotely, buying for Joss & Main, an e-commerce home goods company that is a sub brand of Wayfair. Since being home, Tori has been surfing plenny, doing yoga plenny, hiking plenny and taking care of her new puppy, Tilly! You'll find Tori and Tilly walking Kailua beach, hoping to catch a glimpse of **Dax Mench** crushing a beach workout. Tori stays busy feeding her creative outlet by making jewelry and sewing matching dog and owner outfits. Tori is looking forward to reconnecting with classmates and would love to get together anytime for pau hana.

Last, but not least ... I called **Gabi Soderholm** while she was at the Suns v. Clippers NBA playoffs game with **Syd Parrish**. They couldn't talk long because Devin Booker was on the court, but who can blame them?

That's all I got this round. It was so nice chatting with all of you. Please continue to reach out and keep in touch. I'll see you all soon!

Miss you lots!

Chad

P.S. – Come hang in San Luis Obispo ...

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Aloha, Class of 2015!

We are making it through the pandemic. I hope you were able to spend quality time with loved ones (maybe too much time ha!) and that the space helped you discover new and old passions, go after your dreams and recognize what is truly important in life.

Congratulations to the following 2021 graduates!

**Kylee Yoshikawa** graduated with a master's degree in Counseling Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy from San Diego State University. She is currently working as a child and family therapist in San Diego.

**McKenna Granato** Tupa'i graduated with a master's degree in Environmental Humanities

with a Graduate Certificate in Sustainability from the University of Utah.

**Susan Shiroma** graduated with her doctorate in Dental Surgery. Susan is completing a dentistry residency at Kōkua Kalihi Valley.

**Miranda Oda** graduated with a master's degree in Global Business from Pepperdine University. During her program, Miranda built a national financial practice and finished in the top five out of 6,000 college financial advisors within Northwestern Mutual. Miranda will be celebrated at her company's annual meeting (known as the Oscars for financial advisors), and sees her accomplishment as "a big win for Hawai'i, Pepperdine and women." She is now a full-time financial advisor. We are so proud of you Miranda!

Whether you graduated with a bachelor's, masters or doctorate – each one of you is that much closer to making your dreams come true and taking a step toward making a difference in your community!

Wherever you are in life and in your career, I hope you'll keep this in mind: "(Your) success isn't defined by (your) paycheck, status or recognition but by (your) character and who (you are) as a person – regardless of status, salary or position." – Jordan Doole

Me ke aloha,

Chascity-mae



Keko Nakasone '16 with Dakota Miller '16 who caught his first salmon on the McKenzie River in Oregon. They chased salmon during the summer and will move to the coastal rivers to chase fall Chinook as the rains start.

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Joelle Higa '17 and Garrett Groppe both graduated from Texas Christian University, and will be moving from Fort Worth to Austin.





Alaka'i Todd '18 and Kana'i Akana '18 helped the University of Hawai'i Men's Volleyball Team to the 2021 NCAA Division 1 Volleyball Championship in Ohio this past May, representing both Hawai'i and Punahou with pride. Congratulations to our National Champions!



Schuyler Cole '18, Mason Canonico '18 and Kahi Bisho '18 engaged in healthy outdoor activities this past summer and caught this magnificent and 'ono 140-pound Ahi.

### Class of 2018

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Interested in being the buff 'n blue glue for your Class? Email [notes@punahou.edu](mailto:notes@punahou.edu)!



Kelsey Wong '18 (light pink) and Jake Wakahiro '20 completed their CNA programs this summer respectively, and contributed their valued skills while gaining experience at Kuakini Medical Center. The Class of 2018 sends its love and thanks to all the essential workers who have kept our community strong and healthy amidst such unstable and unpredictable circumstances these past two years.



*Bert Kobayashi '20 was happy to return home from his freshman year at the University of Iowa, where he is studying creative writing and enjoying the Midwest. Pictured with Bert are his sister, Lucia Kobayashi '22, and mom, Nicole Rino ('Iolani, '93).*



*The newly minted Punahou alumni of the Class of 2021 celebrated with smiles and lei! From left: Will Nagel, Sky Ross, Emmalia McKenney, Olivia Wedemeyer and Puna Smith.*



*Hugh Piper '21 with his grandparents, Paul '54 and Frederica Heady.*



*A few of the newest alumni who graduated in June, in their blues and bare feet, draped in lei at their drive-by celebration. From left: Izzy Ady, Jonah Johnson, Shay Badham, Jack Maurer, Marcos Baez, Max Pflueger and Issac Blake. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!*

## Class of 2021

Congratulations to our newest alumni! Welcome to the Alumni Notes! Please email [notes@punahou.edu](mailto:notes@punahou.edu) if you have news or a few good pictures to share!

## Faculty and Staff News

**Richard “Psi” Simons** passed peacefully on June 27, 2021, at age 91, in Honolulu – marking the end of a life full of adventure, accomplishment and love. Simons was born in 1930 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the youngest of three children. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and spent over two years in Korea as an Airman First Class. He then went to Yale University, graduating in 1957. While at Yale, he met the love of his life, Barbara Long. Psi and Barbara were wed in 1958, and spent five years between Connecticut and Boston, where Psi started his career in teaching and earned a master’s degree in history from Harvard University. They started a family, having sons, **Peter ’78** and **Kiff ’80**. In 1963, Psi was recruited to teach at Punahou, and he jumped at the opportunity and moved his family to Hawai’i.

Psi thrived as an Academy teacher and ultimately became chair of the history department. The Simons loved life in Hawai’i and enjoyed the splendors of the Islands. In 1970, daughter, **Emily ’88**, was adopted and the family was complete. Psi continued teaching at Punahou until his retirement in 1988, after a distinguished 25-year career.

The story of Psi’s life would not be complete without describing his love for travel. He studied global history at Yale, taught it at Punahou, and it became a passion that he pursued the rest of his life. He always found time to see parts of the world he had studied and taught and reveled in those experiences. He also loved taking his children on travels to various far-flung corners of the world. He also advanced his education while traveling, attending programs at Oxford University in England.



*Richard “Psi” Simons, who was a part of the Punahou history department for 25 years, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2021, marking the end of a life full of adventure, accomplishment and love.*

Psi is survived by his children, Peter, Kiff and Emily; along with grandchildren, Henry, Lucy, Tyler, Spencer, Emma and Kyle.

Longtime Punahou costume coordinator **Vickie Van Wagner** passed away on July 18, 2021. She was raised on Long Island, New York, and learned how to sew from her two grandmothers – one was a seamstress and the other a tailor. She fell in love with theatre as a student and earned a degree in fashion design. When her daughter, **Sunshine ’90**, enrolled in kindergarten at Punahou in 1977, Vickie started volunteering



*Vickie Van Wagner, whose love of theatre and fashion led her to costuming the Punahou community in more than 100 shows over her 40 years as a costume coordinator, passed away on July 18, 2021.*

with the Punahou Parent Faculty Association. In time, she was hired by Punahou to work in the Costume Shop. She retired in 2018 as costume coordinator after 40 years, and thousands of costumes. Vickie worked on more than 100 shows during her time at Punahou, both for the theatre and dance programs. She coordinated as many as 400 costumes at a time for the lavish Dance Triennials and annual Variety Shows. “Punahou has this way of becoming your life, which is a wonderful thing,” Vickie said at her retirement. “It is an incredible community.”