

# Castle Alumni/Community Association



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The Association is a registered 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit organization established in 1989 whose mission is to promote and support the development of all 10 schools in the Castle Complex: Castle High, King Intermediate, and Waiahole, Kahaluu, Heeia, Ahuimanu, Ben Parker, Puohala, Kapunahala, and Kaneohe elementary schools.

## Aloha!

We hope you are all safe and well. Our community had made great progress this year in subduing the COVID-19 pandemic through social distancing and vaccinations. And so we had hoped to have an in-person annual meeting at the end of this school year but given the current Tier 4 restrictions for gatherings we decided it was safer to send you this newsletter instead. Here's an update on the Association's progress and plans for the coming year to support our schools.

## Alumni annual gathering and fun-raising events 2021

Interested in having an alumni gathering?

We'd like to establish an annual gathering for all alumni at a location such as Waikalua Loko Fishpond.

(<https://www.thepaf.org/waikalua/>)

We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and organize an annual alumni event. And other fun-raising events. Send us your ideas and contact information at [chsalumknights@gmail.com](mailto:chsalumknights@gmail.com) or post on our Facebook Group Page at the address below.

## Castle Alumni/Community Association Scholarship

The Castle Alumni/Community Association established this scholarship in honor of Hank Iida to recognize the community service provided by a graduating senior of James B. Castle High School and to support their pursuit of higher education. Hank Iida, a founder and past president of the Association, was known for his years of dedicated service to Castle High School and the Windward community. This year we increased the scholarship amount to \$1,000 for each of the two recipients. Please help us by donating.

### Quotes from the recipients:

"Thanks you so much for your generosity! This will put me at ease going into the next chapter of my life."

"Thank you so much for awarding me with the Castle Alumni Community Association Scholarship and inviting me to join. I intend to join because it seems like a wonderful association to be a part of. The scholarship will assist me in furthering my education."

### Class of 2021 scholarships of \$1,000:

#### **Sarah Tomita**

Will be attending University of Hawaii at Manoa.



#### **Kelly Urasaki**

Will be attending University of Hawaii at Manoa.



### Examples of community service by our 2021 scholarship recipients

"This past year, my NHS chapter was able to do bell ringing for the Salvation Army and a 1,000-origami crane chain for a care home. My favorite was volunteering with the Lion Club and Family and Friends of Castle at the Going Green Day Recycling Drive as it was our first big service project as a group and we were directly working with people in the community as the event took place at Castle."

"The last community service project I participated in was the teacher thank you package as a joint project between Castle's and Kailua's Key club. We made packages for all the teachers in the Castle and Kahuku complex (about 800)."

Class of 2020 scholarships of \$500: Aisha Yamamoto and Carlee Kasadate.

Class of 2019 scholarships of \$500: Tani Simms and Jenna Katayama.



## Partnering in 2021

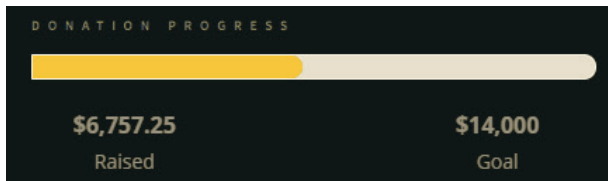
**Castle Farm’s Poi Mill Project.** We are partnering with Castle High to facilitate their acquisition of a poi mill for the farm to process kalo to poi, then to package it for sale or gifting to the community. You can designate a donation to this project. Just select “School Projects and Programs.”

**Kaneohe Magazine Articles.** Through the generosity of an Advisor to our Executive Board, we were able to showcase our schools in Kaneohe Magazine. The Spring 2021 issue had a 2-page article on Castle High. The next several issues will have short articles written by students at other schools in the Castle Complex.

**School Supply Drive for Castle Complex Schools.** In partnership with Representatives Lisa Kitagawa and Scot Matayoshi we are helping to do a school supply drive for Castle Complex Schools so that our students can start off the new school year on the right track with the supplies they need to be successful. Please check our website for more information. <https://www.chsalumknights.org/blog-posts/castle-complex-school-supply-drive>

## Donations needed!

Our schools need community support more than ever! Become a member of our ohana and make a donation!  
<https://www.chsalumknights.org/becoming-a-member>



## Election of Officers and Directors

Five positions on our Executive Board were up for election to serve two-year terms from July 2021 through June 2023. Per our By-laws, the General Board of Representatives (GBR) elects our officers and directors. Given the pandemic restrictions, we could not have an in-person meeting, so we sent out emails to the GBR asking for nominations to add to the Board- recommended candidates, followed by a vote by email. Elected are Paul Luersen as President, Lynn Miyahira as Vice President, and as Directors Herb Lee, Robert Morita, Debbie Nekomoto, and Aaron Tsuha.

## More Alumni Representation Needed

We need more alumni to become representatives for your graduating class. Members of each class can select 2 voting members and 4 alternates. Representatives must be graduates of Castle High School and a member of our Association.

We would count on you to vote on major commitments, expenditures, and budgets. A majority vote of the General Board of Representatives is needed for certain business of the association but we also value your input and participation on projects and activities. You are a valuable link between the association and your class and we need you to help bring your class members along!

Below are the classes that already have representation of at least two representatives. All other classes have vacancies that need to be filled. For the list of alumni who are on the General Board of Representatives, go to <https://www.chsalumknights.org/about-us>.

1969	1972	1973	1975	1976
1978	1981	1982	1983	1988
1997	1999	2000	2007	



## Become a Member!

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<https://www.chsalumknights.org/becoming-a-member>



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