



**MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*To enhance and enrich learning opportunities by providing financial support to students and school programs that foster excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.*

## Gilmore Youn Retires, Daniel S. Hamada Named Principal

After 40 years dedicated to the Department of Education, Mr. Gilmore Youn retired September 30, 2010. When asked what he will miss most about the school, he replied, "The kids." A small token of appreciation and a Certificate of Congratulations from the Foundation was presented to Mr. Youn who thanked the Board members and stated that he is confident Mr. Hamada will continue with the good work of

moving the school to the next level.

Following the retirement of Mr. Gilmore Youn, Daniel S. Hamada returned to his alma mater as new principal in October 2010. As a former alumni, Mr. Hamada reported that he is here for the long haul and his vision is to have every student leave Kapaa High School college and career ready. Welcome aboard!



**Daniel S. Hamada, Principal**

## Baseball and Basketball Program Awards



**Baseball Program** – Coach Gordon Muramaru receives \$1,600.00 and a handcrafted bat created by Clement Esaki.

Photo shown with two freshmen pitchers, Grant Grande - Mitchell and Nick Tabura.

## Foundation Receives Donations

The Nifty Fifties Class Reunion committee made a generous donation of \$8,338 following the October 2010 reunion event.

Volcom's 'Give Back' Program makes generous donation. In January 2011, the Foundation received an unexpected \$5,000 donation from Volcom

Hawaii, as one of the lucky recipients to receive a portion of Bruce Irons' line of board short sales as part of Volcom's Give Back program. Bruce is an alumni of the Class of 1997.



## Foundation Gives Donations to Project Grad & Shattered Dreams

The Kapaa High School Foundation recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Kapaa High School 2011 Project Grad committee. Project Grad is an overnight party for seniors held immediately after the graduation ceremony. The objective is to get as many senior classmates to participate as possible and ensure them a safe environment to party with their friends before they head off to their chosen paths.

For the volunteers organizing this event, one of the challenges is to raise as much funds as possible so the out of

pocket expense for the participants is minimal.

The donation to Project Grad and other programs at Kapaa High School is made possible by the generous donation made by alumni, friends, and businesses from all over.

A special thank you to Cassie Camara and Felina Silva for their hard work in coordinat-



ing this year's Project Grad celebration.

"Shattered Dreams", held in May on the school campus, is a mock accident school-based alcohol prevention program which raises awareness of the consequences of underage drinking through graphic dramatization. The last time Kapaa High School was featured was in 2003. The eastside of Kauai is ranked #1 in the State for sales and consumption of alcohol. 28 different government and community organizations were involved. The total cost this year amounted to around \$7,000.



**Basketball Program** – Coach Philip Baclayon receives \$500.00 and original autographed ball from the Phoenix Suns.

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## Kapa'a High School Foundation, 2011 Student Grant Winners!

The Foundation awarded three graduates \$500 grants to Kaitlyn Jarry, Lauren Pang and Leland Lam Yuen.

Kaitlyn Jarry will be attending Purdue School of Engineering to study biomedical engineering. In her essay she writes about her experience this past summer where she knew what she wanted to study. She said, "I conducted experiments on muscle force, fatigue, and learned about blood stints. I love that this area of study combines math and anatomy and I know that it will keep me interested and challenged throughout my college career."

Lauren Pang will be attending UC Santa Cruz this fall because of its outstanding creative writing program as she studies to

be a teacher. Lauren has wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. Lauren shared her passion for teaching in her essay when she said, "I believe that teachers have the power to change lives. I know that I may never see the success of my students first-hand, but I am content planting a seed of hope, of inspiration."

Leland Lam Yuen will be attending Kauai Community College pursuing a Culinary Arts degree as he follows his passion for food science. Leland's Boy Scouting career has prepared him with leadership skills that have characterized him as a good role model. Leland has a wonderful perspective -- he shared this in his essay. "I am working at the Lemon Grass Restaurant in Kapa'a. I started at the bottom of the ladder

washing dishes; however, I am seeing first hand how the back of a restaurant operates and I am positive this will help me pursue my future goals."



**Bob Kubota, Sharyl Lam Yuen, Leland Lam Yuen, Kaitlyn Jerry, Lauren Pang, Bridget Arume, Barbara Yamane and Art Fujita.**

## President's Message

Dear Friends of Kapa'a High School,

The Foundation will be embarking on an ambitious fundraiser with the goal of \$250,000 over the next five years. You can get involved by joining one of the following clubs and pledging to contribute the annual fee for a period of 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 year. A smaller contribution or even a larger amount will be gladly accepted. Individual classes may, together, make contributions for those periods as well.

I/We would like to support the Kapa'a High School Foundation by selecting one of the sponsorship levels below:

- Clipper Club: more than \$1,000 per year for \_\_\_\_ years.
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- Gold Club: \$250 per year for \_\_\_\_ years.
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- I/We would like to make a one time contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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### MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Foundation will post a monthly summary of its progress on the fundraising efforts on the Foundation's website: <http://kapaahighschoolfoundation.org/>  
The Kapa'a High School Foundation (Tax ID #99-0319395) is a non-profit, tax exempt charitable organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction.

Sincerely,  
Art Fujita, President



## Coach Donald Shishido by Austin Dias

Don Shishido was my football coach for two years at Kapaa High School from 1955-1957; but after playing for him during those two seasons, he became much more for me. Ironically, he and I both began our careers at Kapaa at the same moment, the fall of 1955. I had just graduated from the eighth grade at Kilauea School and starting my freshman year at Kapaa High School. He, on the other hand, had just completed his college education in California and was beginning his teaching career. He and his wife, Patricia, lived on campus in one of the teachers' cottages. She was young and very pretty and all of us football players had a big crush on her. They were high school sweethearts on Maui, so she stayed home and worked while he went to San Jose State to get his college degree. I also took a biology class from coach at Kapaa, which was quite an experience. I remember that the football players sat in the rear of the classroom; when we made noise or caused a distraction he would throw a chalk or an eraser at us with deadly aim. One particular incident stands out in my memory; the day's lesson was "human reproduction". One can anticipate how teenage boys would react, lots of giggling and making jokes. Boy, did we get the zingers from Coach Shishido!

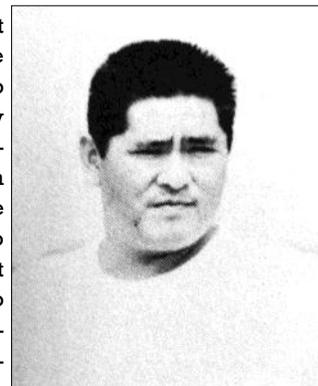
As a brand new coach, his master plan was to build a strong team starting with freshman players hoping to win the Kauai championship by the time we became experienced seniors. Kapaa had suffered through many losing seasons and had never won the Kauai championship. I met him even before I arrived on the Kapaa campus, as some friends of the family brought him to Kilauea to meet me as I was being touted as his quarterback of the future. Much later he told me his first impression of my physical attributes: I was at that time about five feet nine inches (tall for boys in Hawaii at my age) and 117 pounds dripping wet! That is, I was tall and skinny. The friends pointed out to Coach, my one great attribute: my large hands, essential for a star quarterback. Later, jokingly, he related his first impression of me, saying

that my big hands were the **only** thing that impressed him! Since Kilauea was a small country town, we did not have any organized sports that the youth of today most anywhere have and take for granted. Needless to say, when I reported for the first practice with Coach Shishido I was tall, skinny, clumsy (uncoordinated) and very green. The first time I put on all the equipment required for a football player I needed help from the other experienced players. It was amusing and embarrassing. Once I was completely dressed, I ran about fifty yards out to the practice field, weighted down by the helmet, shoes and all the other equipment, I arrived exhausted, and practice had not even started. The shoes really complicated my running. We grew up doing just about everything in Kilauea barefooted. You can imagine how supremely difficult it would be trying to play football with all the heavy equipment and wearing shoes! I already was a slow runner, now with shoes, I was reduced to a crawl!

As a freshman quarterback, I played very little behind a senior at the position. I vividly remember one particular game in which he put me in for one series of downs to give me some experience "under fire". We were playing Roosevelt High School from Honolulu. They were the best team in Hawaii, the state champion. Their coach had been Coach Shishido's high school coach on Maui. They beat us 36-0, holding the score down, which could have been 70-0. I went in for one series and fumbled the ball three times in a row. I was terrified, they all looked so huge and menacing. But I did recover my own fumbles. When I came back to the sidelines, Coach looked at me, smiled and said, "Scary, huh?" Coach attempted to develop me into a complete quarterback: I lifted weights to gain weight; I threw the football hundreds of times daily, standing and kneeling; I yelled out signals across the gym floor to develop a louder voice; I played basketball and ran track to improve my speed and agility. The next year, as a sophomore, I started and played better, but we

still lost most of the games. Two of the many funny moments in practice come to mind, what he said to me concerning my slowness afoot.

First, on one occasion, he smiled and said, "Austin, do you know why we run? To keep from falling!" On another occasion, he again smiled and said, "Austin, I could have had a bowl of saimin (a Japanese noodle soup dish, a favorite snack in Hawaii) before you came through the hole (the space on the line of scrimmage)!"



In the spring of 1957 my parents decided to move to Los Angeles. I was distraught: I would have to leave the football team and not continue on with them to our senior year and (hopefully) be champions! I would have to leave Kapaa High School just when I was becoming a "big man on campus". Only because I was the quarterback on the football team, I was elected to be freshman class president; and the following year, student body treasurer. I faced a crisis at fifteen years of age; of course I did not want to go. Coach Shishido came up with the perfect solution: my parents would move as planned to Los Angeles in the spring of 1957 and meanwhile I would remain on Kauai, live with the Shishido family and finish my time at Kapaa High School through my senior year (hopefully win the championship), graduate and then join my parents in California. What a brilliant plan, I was ecstatic! After my parents agreed to let me stay with Coach Shishido, a few weeks went by before my parents were to leave. One day Coach called me into his office and told me that he had reconsidered his plan and advised me instead to leave with my parents for Califor-

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# Coach Donald Shishido by Austin Dias



**Austin Dias**

nia. I was stunned. He reasoned that if I accompanied my parents to Los Angeles, I would have two more years to play football over there and college scouts would undoubtedly see me play and, possibly, I would get a scholarship to play football in college. Of course, he was right. I left with my parents in 1957, played two years of high school football as a quarterback in the populous Los Angeles area; impressed the scouts sufficiently; and attended the University of California at Santa Barbara on a full scholarship. I graduated four years later, on schedule, had lots of fun playing football and my parents did not pay a penny for my undergraduate education.

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What had Coach Shishido done for me? Unselfishly he put my future ahead of his personal goal to win the championship when we were seniors. As I matured and the years went by, I have realized what a wonderful mentor he was. He made an enormous impact on my life in the short time I was in contact with him. He nurtured me continuously. Not only did I become a decent quarterback, more importantly, I matured and gained a great deal in self-confidence; the football experience became perfect training ground for developing leadership skills, working effectively as part of a team, building character by performing under stressful conditions. All of these strengths would help me significantly in the future, as I became an Army officer in the Vietnam War and a department chair at the university. By now it must be quite obvious that the length of this description of my time with Don Shishido is a tribute to an extraordinary individual who mentored me at a moment when it would have a great impact. I am so grateful for

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Postsript: Don Shishido died in June 1997. At the time I was still a Spanish professor at the University of Hawaii. Suffering from cancer, he spent the last few days of his life in Queens Hospital, here in Honolulu.

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The Kapa‘a High School Foundation welcomes your ideas and comments. If you would like to participate in the work of the Foundation, please join our monthly meetings or contact us at the address or website on the front.

The Kapa‘a High School Foundation meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm at the Student Activities Center (Green Building by the gym).



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