

**News from Napili Kai  
Foundation  
February 2013 – April 2013**



**Foundation trip to  
Washington State**

We are very excited to report the completion of a very successful trip to the Seattle/Olympia, Washington area, expertly organized by Kumu/Manager Kathy Ralar. The travel troupe of 12 keiki, three kumu, three musicians and President Lou Ross, arrived in Seattle Thursday night April 4th. Vice President Janice Studwell met the group on Friday for the week's full performance schedule.

The Foundation rented a private home outside of Olympia approximately 30 minutes from the various performance locations. The rental of two, 10 passenger vans, were capable of transporting all members plus costumes and instruments. It was quite a road show, with the green ti leaf skirts carried in a large cooler with ice and water to keep them fresh!

Our keiki really worked hard, completing 8 performances (two a day in some instances) during the week. Our schedule included: Nisqually Elders Performance, Aha Mele Show (to which we were invited by the Hawaiian Civic Club), Evergreen State College, Panorama Retirement Community Show, Puyallup Day Care Show, Chief Leschi School (K-12) Show, Asia Pacific Cultural Center Show,

and the Saghale Middle School Multicultural Night Show.



**Group picture outside  
Chief Leschi School (K-12)**

We were welcomed by Napili Kai club members Doug and Pat Logue and Julian and Maureen McCabe (and over 200 of their friends) at the Panorama Retirement Show. The Panorama group is also planning a group trip to Napili Kai next June, and they were a very excited audience, giving the keiki a standing ovation at the conclusion. Their beautiful formal theatre venue was truly a memorable experience for the keiki, as was the private dinner in their restaurant they provided to the group afterward.



**NKF member Briana "Tiare" Bandy  
with the Logue's & McCabe's**

The incredible hospitality of the Indian Nation schools in offering luncheons and dinners surrounding our performances was sincerely appreciated, and certainly helped with our travel budget, as did the \$550 received in donations and honorarium at various venues.



**Saghale Middle School  
Multicultural Night Show**

We also received wonderful local publicity from The Olympian newspaper following the Evergreen State College performance, as well as a highlighted performance on the website of the Asia Pacific Cultural Center. We thank Dewey Millar for attending our performance at the Cultural Center, along with many family and friends.



**Evergreen State College  
performance**

In addition to the cultural exchanges that our keiki experienced, the trip also included a day trip cruise to Tillicum Village on Blake Island State Park. This is a cultural experience found only in the Pacific Northwest, with a theatrical performance of Coast Salish Native dance. There was also a tour of the State Capitol at Olympia, and a tour of the Evergreen State College campus.



**Group picture at Washington  
State Capitol in Olympia**

Our sincere thanks to all shareholders and owners who

participated in the Foundation raffle held last November, which raised funds for this trip. Special thanks also to Sheila and Jim Burke for the \$2800 grant which provided additional costumes and uniform jackets for the trip and for the Tillicum Village excursion. The Foundation parents are committed to the annual golf tournament fundraiser each year to make such trips possible every two to three years.

Comments and feedback received from the various venues were all very positive. In general, both sponsors of the performances and the guests were very impressed with the "professionalism" of the show and our keiki. This is a true testament of the quality of teaching by our Kumu and the commitment of our keiki. Makes us all proud.

**The Maui Concierge Magazine**



**Namahina Kawabata**

November's keiki cover girl was eight-year-old Namahina Kawabata who is a member of the Napili Kai Foundation. Mom is Nohealani Ralar and Dad is Kawika Kawabata.

Namahina enjoys dancing hula because she was born into it!

She is a member of the renowned and musical Farden family. Her grandmother, Kathy Holoaumoku Ralar, is kumu hula for Napili Kai Foundation and Na Pua O Kapi'olani Hula Studio.

**David Malo Day**



**Nohealani Mahuna**

Lahainaluna High School's 44th annual David Malo Day Ho'olaule'a was on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Boarders' Field on the historic Lahainaluna campus.

Each year the students in the Hawaiiana Club and Boarders' Chorus present an evening of song and dance, the theme for 2013 was "E ho'i i nani" (May the beauty return) which celebrates and honors the rich traditions of Lahainaluna and one of its first graduates, David Malo.



**Kaila Ompoy**

Current Napili Kai Foundation keiki, Nohealani Mahuna, and

former NKF member Kaila Ompoy were among the many who danced and sang in this years' ho'olaule'a. Following are a few more pictures from the show.



**Scholarship Awards**

The Scholarship Committee is currently reviewing and evaluating the applications for this year's awardees, there will be an updated report in the next newsletter.

**New Website**

We are up and running with our new website, even though it is still a work in progress. We will be adding photos and links from the Seattle trip, so check us out online at [www.napilikaifoundation.org](http://www.napilikaifoundation.org)

