

**News from Napili Kai
Foundation
May – July 2013**



**Napili Kai Foundation Awards
\$10,000 in Scholarships**

Scholarship Awardees

The Foundation awarded \$10,000 in scholarships on May 21st at the conclusion of the weekly show. In addition to the J.C. Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Foundation also received donations from The Perna Foundation for Hope (\$5,000) and The Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$3,000).



Kerilyn Dofa, Michael-Lloyd Akiona, Marycriss Cajudoy (accepting award for daughter Paige Cajudoy), Aida Taylan, Reinalyn Ines and Kai Ho'opai.

The five awardees, all graduates and alumni of Lahainaluna High School are:

Michael Lloyd Akiona, whose mother, Lorene, has worked in the Recreations Department at Napili Kai for nine years, received \$3,000 from the Perna Foundation. He is entering his fourth year at Kapiolani Community College, seeking a degree as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Paige Cajudoy, a 10 year graduate of the Foundation, received \$3,000 from the Dennis Wilkinson Fund. Paige will be entering her first year at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, majoring in Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Aida Lyne Taylan, whose mother Carina Taylan has worked in the Sea House Restaurant for 11 years, received \$1,000 from the Perna Foundation and \$500 from the J.C. Millar Fund. Aida will be entering her second year at the University of Hawaii-Maui Campus, working towards a Nursing degree.

Kai Ho'opai, whose mother, Delphine Kaiwi, has worked in the Reservations Department of Napili Kai for 15 years, received \$1,000 from the Perna Foundation and \$500 from the J.C. Millar fund. He is in his second year of the Culinary Program at the University of Hawaii-Maui Campus.

Reinalyn Ines, whose mother Nerie Ines has also worked in the Sea House Restaurant of Napili Kai for 10 years, received \$1,000 from the J.C. Millar Fund. She will be entering her first year at the University of Hawaii-Maui Campus, majoring in Hospitality and Tourism.

**Alumni News
Congratulations to our
Newest College Graduates**



Kerilyn Dofa, a former 12-year member of the Foundation and past scholarship awardee, graduated on May 12th from the University of Hawaii-Maui campus, with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is the daughter of Barbie (HR at Napili Kai) and Charlie Dofa.



Dominique Laborte, a former 12-year member of the Foundation and past scholarship awardee, graduated on June 2nd from Linfield College in Oregon, with a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training. She is the daughter of Yvette Laborte (HR department at Napili Kai). She received an internship for the summer and is working in Oregon.

Foundation Excursion to Honokowai Valley

The Foundation (keiki, kumu, and parents) spent the day with the volunteers who have been restoring sections of the Honokowai Valley, called Project Malama Honokowai. This area was home to a flourishing ancient Hawaiian community over 500 years ago, but was overgrown and forgotten as western society moved in. The valley and the village within it are now being uncovered revealing the sophisticatedly simple lifestyle of sustainability and living off the land. Each Saturday, a group of volunteers ventures into the valley to help clear away debris and undergrowth. With Hawaii aiming at a future of sustainability, Honokowai Valley offers valuable lessons in living off the land, including water conservation, native plants being used for medicinal purposes, and biodynamic gardening. Restoring the valley is certainly an educational experience and will continue for many years.

Foundation Golf Tournament

The annual NKF golf tournament to benefit the Travel Fund will be held in September. The date will be announced shortly.

Sad News

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia "Patty" Kanoekawehilani Secretario Kahaikupuna at the age of 60. Patty, along with her 6 sisters, was one of the first members of the Napili Kai Foundation, while her energetic mother assisted the kumu and musicians. Patty

also worked in the Napili Kai Beach Club's Pagoda, dispensing towels and Aloha to the guests for a number of years. As one of the original members of our Napili Kai Foundation, she held a special place in our hearts, and always will. Aloha, Patty!

