

News from Napili Kai Foundation



Aloha to our shareholders and owners. The Foundation sincerely hopes this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. These past eight months of 2020 seem more like years than months, but, we have accepted the challenge to not only keep ourselves well, but also to maintain some sense of normalcy and guidance to our Foundation keiki and their families.

Long Range Planning:

The Foundation began the year with the annual Long Range Planning Meeting in January, and at that time the focus of discussion centered on cultural emphasis, donor and alumni database, continued recruitment of new members and fundraising, succession, and the investment policy. The Foundation's portfolio is now under the guidance of The Maui Group at Morgan Stanley, and as of May 1st, the company is projecting a portfolio income at \$80,000 in the next 12 months (4.4%).

Cultural exchanges and trips:

In February, a cultural workshop was held in the pavilion following a regular show, focusing on Celestial Navigation. The guest presenter was Maleko Lorenzo, a member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and new member of the Ho'Ku'lea, the outrigger canoe that completed a worldwide voyage. Maleko sailed on two legs of that voyage. After his presentation, he demonstrated star navigation by going outside and showing the attendees how to spot the guiding stars.

As a result of that workshop, the Foundation began plans to participate with Maui's Voyaging

Society (Hui o Wa'a Kaulua) with the restoration of Maui's canoe at the 505 Front Street location. Guided by a teacher at Lahainaluna, and her students, this will be a great "student to student" experience.



Maleko Lorenzo sharing celestial navigation information

At the same time, we received information that the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FESTPAC) would be held for the first time in Honolulu in June. This event is the world's largest celebration of Pacific Islanders with 28 island nations participating. It looked to be a once in a lifetime event, so plans were put in motion to take the Foundation keiki to Honolulu.

The mainland trip was still in the planning stages.....and then the world stopped!

Covid-19:

As the pandemic spread, and with the uncertainty surrounding the best course of action for our keiki and their families, the Foundation board made the unprecedented decision on March 15th to close the weekly show through March 31st. Currently, we will be closed indefinitely.

Distance Learning:

As our keiki completed their school year with online classes, Kumu Kathy proceeded to become proficient in the art of teaching hula through video conferencing. She had already set up a new App called Team Reach, which puts the Kumu in touch with all of the keiki and the Board, and allows for easier communication with the entire Foundation.

Kathy, along with other hula teachers in the State, now settled on using Zoom to prepare video lessons. The Kumu (Kalei and Rance as well) each prepare videos of themselves teaching chants and dances, send them to each group of keiki, and then require the keiki to practice and return a video of themselves mastering the lesson. They then "meet" as a group on Zoom on Saturdays to maintain the sense of 'ohana. The Kumu have also been preparing "cultural" and history lessons as well. Recently, Kathy has begun "face to face" instruction with the older keiki group. This was extremely well-received by the older keiki, since they have been missing their "hula sisters" and their Kumu. There are strict guidelines with this face to face, and the keiki and their parents are happily compliant.

The Foundation Board has continued to provide the Kumu salaries during this time.

Scholarships:

The Foundation awarded \$32,500 in scholarships to seven Foundation graduates and Napili Kai Beach Resort employee children. They are:

Joanna Marie Acosta, a 7-year member/graduate of NKF and a 2019 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as a sophomore, majoring in Accounting, received \$4,000.

Robert M. Arconado, an employee child and a 2019 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to UH Maui, as a sophomore, majoring in Liberal Arts and Construction Management, received \$3,000.

Briana T. Bandy, a 7-year member of the Foundation, an employee child, and a 2019 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to Arizona State University, as a sophomore, majoring in Secondary Education/English, received \$5,000.

Kylie S. Ines, an 11-year member/graduate of the Foundation and a 2019 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to Washington State University, as a sophomore, majoring in Human Development, received \$5,000.

Jaela P. Naha, a 12-year member/graduate of the Foundation, an employee child, and a 2019 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to UH Maui, as a sophomore, majoring in Nursing, received \$4,500.

Tori Kaimana Tihada, a 10-year member/graduate of the Foundation, granddaughter of Doug Tihada, and a 2018 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as a junior, majoring in Hospitality Management, received \$5,000.

Leah G. Werblun, a 9-year member/graduate of the Foundation, and a 2018 Lahainaluna graduate, will be returning to the University of Northern Colorado, as a junior, majoring in Biology/Pre-Med, received \$6,000.

Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded \$268,500 in scholarships. The scholarships are funded by: JC Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Bert and Barbara Stubblefield Scholarship Fund, the Perna-Rose Foundation for Hope, the Felts Family Foundation, the Barbara Bunce Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Dean and Colleen Dwyer Scholarship Fund (new this year).

The scholarship recipients were especially grateful this year, since, as you all can imagine, with most parents unemployed, finances are all the more limited.

The Foundation is sincerely grateful for the continued generosity of our shareholders and owners in supporting the scholarship program. You all have a profound

effect on the lives and future of our keiki.

New Donations:

The Foundation received a new scholarship donation from Dean and Colleen Dwyer. This is a \$10,000 distribution that they wish to be awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each year for four years. However, if COVID -19 issues arose, the Foundation could use the money as needed.

The Foundation also received an unrestricted 2020 Grant from the Warren and Frances Hinton Fund II of the Hawaii Community Foundation in the amount of \$22,676.20. The Hawaii Community Foundation will send 4% of the average market value of the fund through annual grants distributed during the first quarter of each year to NKF. The story behind this donation seems to be that the Hinton's were annual participants in the golf tournament fundraiser that Dottie Millar organized every year. Warren was the long time Commodore of the Lahaina Yacht Club and he and Jack started the Victoria to Maui yacht race!

Another donation came to NKF from the Huck Family Giving Fund, in the amount of \$5,000 intended to support NKF in relief related to COVID-19. This is in honor of Doug Tihada.

Incredible generosity during a most difficult and stressful time and sincerely appreciated.

The Board of Directors, the Advisory Committee, and the Kumu are in ongoing meetings to plan how and when the keiki show will return. This is a challenge, but we know we have the support of the management and staff of Napili Kai, and will do our very best to have "the show go on."

The Foundation Board, Advisory Committee, Kumu, keiki members and their families wish you all continued health and look forward to welcoming

you all back to our special bay as soon as possible.

With warmest Aloha,

The Napili Kai Foundation Board of Directors

