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K-12th

Hualalai Academy's mission is to prepare students for a future of cultural, environmental, and technological changes and to promote mutual respect, individual development, and the lifelong love of learning.

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Blessing & Donor Recognition

Saturday, August 26



The descendants of Francis Radcliffe Greenwell at the Palani Field dedication.

We gathered to honor and give thanks to all the people who made our current campus become a reality by their incredible generosity of time, talent, services, and financial support.

We recognized some of the people and families who were instrumental in this process and the raising of \$4.6 million dollars in cash and in-kind goods and services with donor markers.

We started in 1998 with the acquisition (long term lease with option to buy) of our 14.9 acres. Palani Ranch graciously donated 2 acres for a playing field. We dedicated this space "Palani Field" in memory of Francis Radcliffe Greenwell.

Resiliency

The most important attitude that can be formed is that of the desire to go on learning.
- John Dewey



Even principals learn the meaning of resiliency. They learn by leading with a clear vision and purpose, despite adversity and challenges.

Teaching and learning are about problem solving. Education is the process by which you put teachers and learners in the best possible environment for them to do this together.

Hualalai Academy's curriculum is discussion and experiential based. This integrative approach, along with teacher and student collaboration, fosters independent learners and thinkers.

When a student walks out of school at the end of the day, the end of a year, or forever, no one asks them if they can do more with what they've learned than just pass another test. No one asks them if they can apply their knowledge to real life. In the end, they might end up being really good at Trivial Pursuit, but what I want to know is, have they learned to love learning and will they keep on learning, even without school?

If a student has self-discipline, then, with effort, he or she can do anything well at any time. In life there are few situations where one size fits all. So why would we educate our students that way? We strive for our students to become independent learners and develop a desire for lifelong learning, to think critically and problem solve, while appreciating the diversity of all cultures.

Felicity Johnson
Felicity Johnson
Principal

I want my daughter to attend this school because... I believe that this school can give her what she needs to survive the "real world".
-A Hualalai Academy parent



Mel Macy, Page Macy, Sarah Crawford, Sita Peacock-Vossen and Rolf Vossen look at the 1995 - 1996 school yearbook during the high tea, after the blessing and donor recognition.

In 1998, Page Macy, one of our five founding Hualalai Academy board members, her husband Mel Macy and their (former) company, West Hawaii Concrete, donated much time and effort in clearing this land for future building sites and roadways.



Barb Gans pours herself a cup of tea at the high tea event while Jessica Woodbury plays violin.

Blessing & Donor Recognition High Tea



In recognition of all the hard work and effort the Macy Family put forward for the benefit of Hualalai Academy we dedicated our roadway "Macy Family Drive."



We dedicated the "Twigg-Smith Hardcourt" in honor of the Twigg-Smith family and their company, CTS Earthmoving. Over the years, Lisa and Christian have been instrumental in helping the school utilize this land, most recently facilitating the creation of the multi-use hard court.



In recognition of another dedicated and longstanding (now retired) board member, Sita Peacock-Vossen, we dedicated one of our 8th grade classrooms the "Peacock-Vossen Family" classroom.



Our grounds would certainly not be what they are today without the love, care and leadership of Debbie Kudo. Debbie, Mike and their family's company, Farm and Garden, have given much to this school in the way of landscape improvements. We dedicated the elementary school courtyard, "Kudo Courtyard", in recognition of all their efforts.



The 5th grade classroom was dedicated in recognition of "Barbara Gans", one of our founding teachers. Barb's husband Ed, one of our founding board members, along with family and friends raised the funds for the naming of this classroom to honor Barb.



Creation of our bridge building was the beginning of a new community partnership with the Kona Bridge Club. With the help of Joanne Clark, and the Kona Bridge Club, as well as many other donors from our Ohana, we raised the funds for this building.

We honor all who gave to the "Bridge Building", especially Joanne, who has since passed away.



Meanwhile,



our high school students



their studies



accomplish



in creative ways!

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