

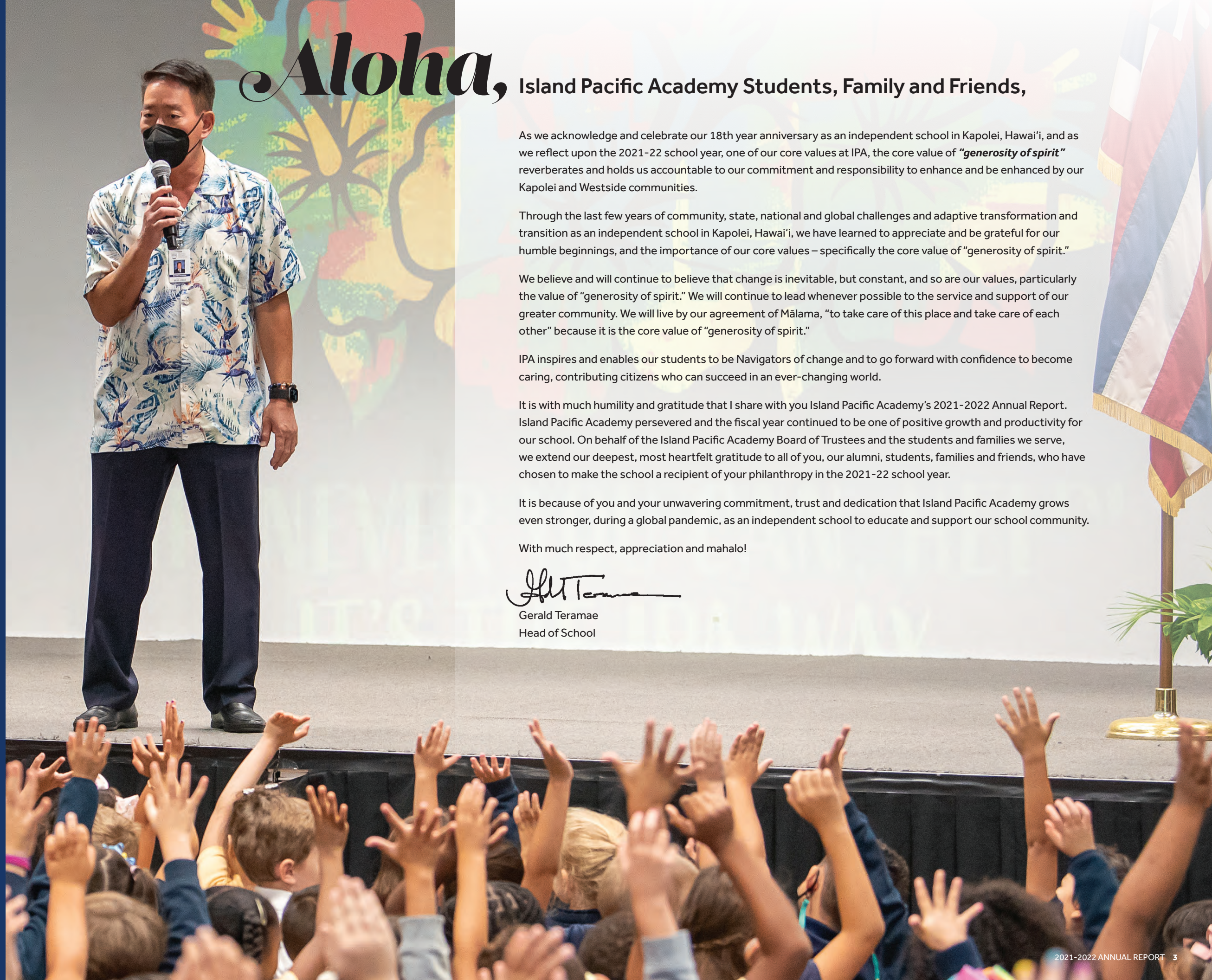
# ISLAND PACIFIC ACADEMY

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



*Generosity of Spirit*





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As we acknowledge and celebrate our 18th year anniversary as an independent school in Kapolei, Hawai'i, and as we reflect upon the 2021-22 school year, one of our core values at IPA, the core value of **"generosity of spirit"** reverberates and holds us accountable to our commitment and responsibility to enhance and be enhanced by our Kapolei and Westside communities.

Through the last few years of community, state, national and global challenges and adaptive transformation and transition as an independent school in Kapolei, Hawai'i, we have learned to appreciate and be grateful for our humble beginnings, and the importance of our core values – specifically the core value of "generosity of spirit."

We believe and will continue to believe that change is inevitable, but constant, and so are our values, particularly the value of "generosity of spirit." We will continue to lead whenever possible to the service and support of our greater community. We will live by our agreement of Mālama, "to take care of this place and take care of each other" because it is the core value of "generosity of spirit."

IPA inspires and enables our students to be Navigators of change and to go forward with confidence to become caring, contributing citizens who can succeed in an ever-changing world.

It is with much humility and gratitude that I share with you Island Pacific Academy's 2021-2022 Annual Report. Island Pacific Academy persevered and the fiscal year continued to be one of positive growth and productivity for our school. On behalf of the Island Pacific Academy Board of Trustees and the students and families we serve, we extend our deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to all of you, our alumni, students, families and friends, who have chosen to make the school a recipient of your philanthropy in the 2021-22 school year.

It is because of you and your unwavering commitment, trust and dedication that Island Pacific Academy grows even stronger, during a global pandemic, as an independent school to educate and support our school community.

With much respect, appreciation and mahalo!

Gerald Teramae  
Head of School



# Spirited Beginnings



## IPA Contributes to a Vibrant West O'ahu Community

By Julie Funasaki Yuen

Officials broke ground on the City of Kapolei in 1990 with a vision to build a city on O'ahu where residents could live, work and play without leaving their community. As landowners, the James Campbell Company envisioned this community not only being a thriving center for residential and business opportunities, but a true "Second City" where the City & County and State of Hawai'i housed important government services outside of the Honolulu area. At the time, it was hard to imagine a bustling city amidst the acres of undeveloped land on the Westside of O'ahu. Since then, Kapolei has grown to more than 100,000 residents with 1 City Hall, 14 schools, 5 shopping centers, and more than 150 restaurants.

Lance Wilhelm, Island Pacific Academy (IPA) Trustee Emeritus and alumni parent, played an important role during the early years of the City of Kapolei development. During that time, Wilhelm was the senior vice president for Hawai'i operations at Kiewit, the engineering and construction company tasked with building the new IPA elementary and secondary buildings.

"They (James Campbell Company) wanted the community to have entertainment, restaurants, traffic control...and among those things was education," says Wilhelm. "The idea of building a private school was born out of the need to build a full and vibrant community."



# Westside Pride



IPA Secondary students at Mari's Garden during Make a Difference Day.

Seen as integral to the development of Kapolei and the West O'ahu area, IPA opened its doors to its first class of students in 2004 under the direction of former Headmaster Dr. Dan White. As the first non-denominational independent school in Kapolei, IPA offered a new educational choice for West O'ahu and other area residents for K-12 education in their community. Before IPA, almost all private schools on O'ahu were located in Honolulu.

At the time, Annabel Gottlieb, parent of an IPA alumnus and grandparent of current IPA elementary students, commuted to town every day from Makakilo to take her daughter to school in Honolulu. When looking into schools for their son, the family wanted to find a school in their area instead of doing the long daily commute to town.



"We were looking for a non-denominational school in our community, and IPA fit the bill," says Annabel. Her son, Michael Gottlieb '20, began his journey as a junior kindergarten student in 2004.

"We really tried to ground ourselves in this area; not to have to do that commute, and really lose quality of life," says Alan Gottlieb, Annabel's husband.

"When we first started, there was nothing around us," shares IPA Elementary Office Manager Kerri Vincent, one of IPA's first employees. She has worked at the school since it opened in 2004.

"We were the lone building. There weren't even streets," says Vincent. "It's been so neat to watch this community grow, from one little shopping center to what we have now."

She feels the construction of IPA was necessary because "...IPA has brought a sense of pride to the community. That's always a really neat thing, to be able to say 'we're part of IPA.'"



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## Community Connection

IPA's connection to the community and its school history are one in the same. The school continues to fulfill its role in enriching the Kapolei and West O'ahu area through the purposeful and systematic perpetuation of the school's core values. Students, faculty and staff live these values every day and it is the school's 'generosity of spirit' that enriches IPA as well as the surrounding community.

Vincent credits IPA for her "generosity of spirit" way of thinking. "I didn't grow up in a 'give back' society. And then coming here, now I get it. It's so much bigger than me."

"Generosity of spirit" is evident wherever you look on the IPA campus. You see and feel it from the students. You see it in the faces and actions of IPA faculty, staff, parents, grandparents and alumni.

"I relate 'generosity of spirit' at IPA to Michael's experience there," says Annabel. "His instructors really went above and beyond to ensure success for Michael. The giving of their time and energy – their reward is seeing him flourish."

IPA Head of School Gerald Teramae agrees. "The core values that we have are all interwoven," he shares. "'Generosity of spirit' and the 'power of human kindness' – that is at the core of what we teach; how we teach. That's what we instill in our kids. Aside from everything else, we want them to be good people."

"Generosity of spirit" is the culture of IPA and not only obvious through annual community service learning events like "IPA Make a Difference Day" and "IPA Gives Back Day," where all IPA secondary students give back to community organizations like the Wai'anae Mountain Watershed Partnership and Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i through volunteer service work, but through the everyday actions of students, faculty, staff and parents.

On October 7, 2022, in honor of IPA's annual Make a Difference Day, more than 90 IPA Secondary students spent the day with Kāko'o 'Ōiwi in Kāne'ohe, where they learned about taro, its cultural significance, and its uses.



## A Culture of Giving

Kerri Vincent sometimes dreams of winning the lottery. If she won, she would buy the property across the street from the campus and give it to IPA for expansion. “I’m so privileged to be part of this school,” she beams. “I love the ‘generosity of spirit’ value. The focus is something bigger than yourself.”



“‘Generosity of spirit’ is a way to live,” shares high school student Makai’o Nihipali-Sanchez ’24. “An idea that no matter the time or the day or the obstacles you are facing, you will treat others with kindness and respect... It’s a core value in our school because it’s the most crucial value in life.”

As part of the essential role IPA plays in the West O’ahu community, IPA has developed partnerships with other important area organizations like The Queen’s Medical Center - West O’ahu, Four Seasons Resort O’ahu at Ko Olina, ‘Ilima at Leihano senior living community and the Mā’ili Land Transitional Housing Shelter in Wai’anae, where IPA students have volunteered and donated gifts, money and supplies.

“Through the value system that we have – that is why the community supports the school,” says Teramae. “James Campbell Company is a huge supporter of our school because we perpetuate the values, the beliefs, the philosophies that they believe.”



Secondary students work to pull out tree stumps at Mari’s Garden during Make a Difference Day.



Grade 5 students help transport holiday gifts they collected through IPA’s annual Giving Tree for children and families at Mā’ili Land.

## International Impact

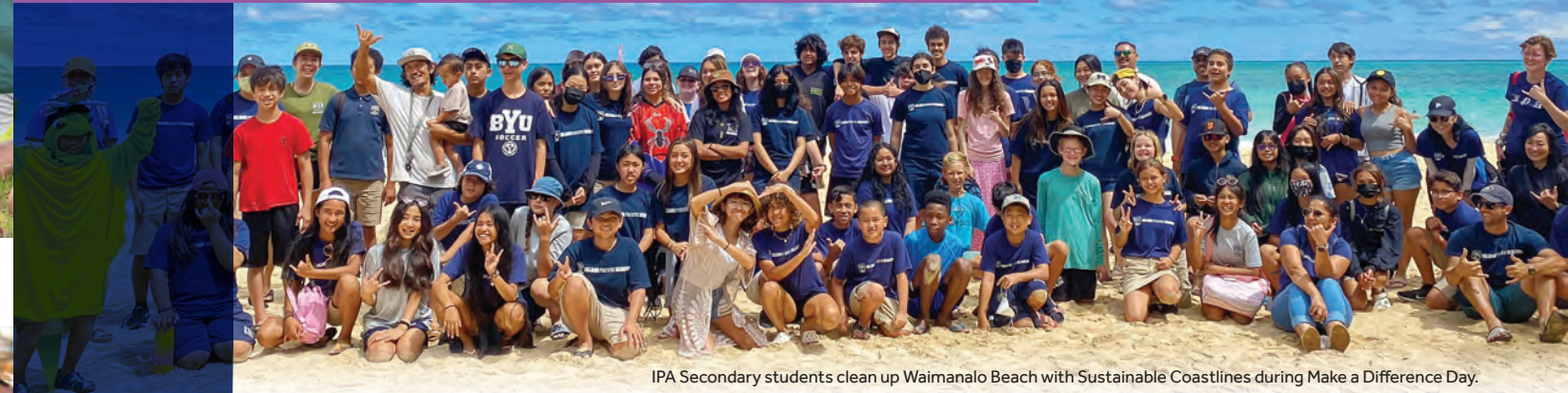
IPA’s “generosity of spirit” extends even beyond West O’ahu and across the world to Mexico. In 2007, Secondary Spanish teacher Laura Angel Guzman launched a pen pal program with IPA’s sister school, Instituto Thomas Jefferson (ITJ), Campus Queretaro, in Mexico. Over the years, the program has evolved to become IPA’s International Cultural and Educational Program where IPA and ITJ students fly to attend each other’s schools and are hosted by IPA and ITJ families.

Guzman has recently expanded the program even further with a program specifically for high school students called “Young Leaders of the 21st Century.” In addition to practicing their language skills, “High schoolers learn from each other and see what the needs are for each other’s communities,” says Guzman. The IPA and ITJ students then work together to come up with plans to support the West O’ahu and Queretaro communities.

In the 2021-2022 school year and since its beginning in 2004, IPA has continued to fulfill its role in enriching and engaging with the Kapolei and West O’ahu communities as envisioned for the City of Kapolei when it first broke ground in 1990.

“As great as IPA is and what they’re doing for the community today, what’s exciting is what it could be and what it will be, and that’s what it should be about,” says Wilhelm. “What it’s going to do for the community, what its graduates will do for the community.”

## WHENEVER YOU CAN... IPA STUDENTS GIVE BACK



IPA Secondary students clean up Waimanalo Beach with Sustainable Coastlines during Make a Difference Day.

By Tricia Murata

Say the phrase “whenever you can...” to any IPA student or alumnus and they will, without fail, finish it with a loud and enthusiastic “help!” This beloved core value is so ubiquitous that it gave birth to a school tradition for former IPA Founding Headmaster Dr. Dan White. He would end every assembly in a way that emphasized IPA’s belief in ‘generosity of spirit’ and ‘the power of human kindness.’ “I would usually tell some kind of a story... and at the end of the story I would say to the kids ‘Well, of course, at IPA, whenever you can...’, and the students shouted back ‘help!’”

The students, faculty and staff at IPA have truly embodied these values, on campus and in the community, since the school’s beginning in 2004.

Every year, two full days in the Secondary school are devoted to service learning during Make a Difference Day and IPA Gives Back Day. Both days are opportunities for students and faculty to collaboratively work together to give their time, talent, and service to the larger community. Students spend the day working with organizations that provide social or environmental services for Westside communities including Onelau’ena Emergency Shelter, ‘Ilima at Leihano senior living community, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Sustainable Coastlines, and more.

Other projects directly give back to the community for services offered to IPA students. In October 2021, a select group of student-athletes had the opportunity to give back to the Kunia Community by cleaning and repairing the Kunia Gym in which IPA student-athletes practice a variety of sports.

Some of the most meaningful service work for the students comes from the long-standing partnerships Island Pacific Academy has with several organizations that serve the homeless on the Westside.

Every year, the Grade 5 Student Action Committee organizes a Giving Tree for Catholic Charities Hawai’i’s Mā’ili Land Transitional Housing. Elementary families donate wrapped gifts that Grade 5 delivers to the children and families at Mā’ili Land to share some joy during the holiday season. During the 2021-2022 school year, Grade 10 students selected 22 families at the facility to give handcrafted holiday cards and Wal-Mart gift cards.

Steve Ross, former IPA Elementary Principal, reminded the students of the importance of giving back to their community. “We may not know what difference we make, but we know we can make a difference,” he shared.

For IPA Gives Back Day in fall 2021, Middle school students created seedling beds of tomatoes, soybeans, peas, and carrots to be donated to Onelau’ena Emergency Shelter for their community garden, and Director of Athletics Greg Terhune volunteered his time and carpentry talents to help repair some of the planter beds.

“The hope is that people will be able to grow some of their own food in a sustainable, inexpensive way,” shared Aparna Cheerath, Secondary science teacher.

In spring 2022, the Class of 2022 planned a separate service day and volunteered their time and efforts sorting donations and cleaning the living units at Onelau’ena Emergency Shelter, a 190-bed facility operated by Kealahou West O’ahu in Kapolei.

“[Giving back to the community] is important because it aligns with the mission of our school in order to help our students to grow and become capable citizens who really have a true interest in bettering their community,” said Dr. Brandy Ann Sato, former IPA Secondary Principal.



## James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation grants \$50,000 for IPA Elementary and Secondary Makerspaces

By Julie Funasaki Yuen

During the 2021-2022 school year, Island Pacific Academy received a \$50,000 grant from the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation to create makerspaces for the Elementary and Secondary programs. The gift is part of a larger \$100,000 grant awarded to IPA to support the school's Project-Based Learning Immersion Program.

Project-based learning is a hands-on teaching method where students engage in meaningful, real-world projects to solve relevant problems. A fundamental component of project-based learning is a creative environment where students are free to explore different problem-solving approaches and inspired to do their own research and experiment with new ideas.

"A makerspace is a designated area where folks can gather to share ideas, construct physical objects, and/or engage with computer aided design programs to rapidly prototype designs of their own creation," says Jillian Steele, IPA Secondary Design Thinking Department Head. "This is a space for exploration of ideas and for cross pollination and collaboration between students and subjects to find creative solutions to everyday problems."

### Grade 5 Students Design Elementary Makerspace

Members of the Grade 5 Student Action Committee took the lead in designing and developing the Elementary makerspace using project-based learning protocols. The students worked to answer the driving question, "How can we, as a Grade 5 Student Action Committee, design a makerspace that will allow students in different grade levels to learn, collaborate, and create projects?"

The six members of the Student Action Committee worked together with former Elementary School Principal Steve Ross and Sustainability and Innovation Coordinator Katherine Jones to plan for the makerspace. Planning included researching other makerspaces, surveying Elementary faculty to determine how the space would be used, and meeting with Director of Facilities Mike Armstrong for input. After gathering this feedback, the students created a plan for the makerspace and presented their ideas to the makerspace designer and furniture representatives who then created blueprints and 3D images based on the students' ideas.

The Grade 5 Student Action Committee members were truly excited to see their design ideas come to life. "The Makerspace will impact our school and students by helping them learn in a fun and creative way," beams IPA Grade 5 Student Action Committee member Jake Okimoto '29.

While the makerspace was being constructed, the Grade 5 students researched supplies and equipment and procured a variety of creative materials including Strawbees, hovercraft, sewing machines, a 3D printer, cooking supplies, and



an array of building materials for use in creating models. All 270 IPA Elementary students will have the opportunity to explore and create in the makerspace starting in the 2022-2023 school year. IPA teachers will also bring their classes to the makerspace to work on Units of Inquiry projects and other curricular programs.

### Design Thinking Inspires Secondary Makerspace

Former IPA Secondary School Principal Dr. Brandy Ann Sato and Secondary Design Thinking Department Head Jillian Steele lead a truly collaborative design process when envisioning and developing the new Secondary makerspace. Over the course of the 2021-2022 school year, the team launched inclusive planning and design phases that resulted in a classroom makerspace that is well-suited to meet the needs of all IPA Secondary students and faculty.

In the spring 2022 semester, Steele hosted a design thinking event to gather crucial student, parent, administrator and teacher input central to the Secondary makerspace design. She also conducted surveys and hosted in-class discussions gathering both qualitative and quantitative data while working together with Dr. Sato, Director of Facilities Mike Armstrong, and IPA Secondary faculty.

After gathering and analyzing data from all stakeholder groups, the makerspace was designed to answer the driving question, "How might we create a makerspace that allows students to 3D print, do VEX robotics, and Jewelry + Metalsmithing all in the same room in a safe and organized way?"

In answering this important question, the Secondary makerspace is fully aligned with IPA's design thinking and project-based learning curriculum.

"Since IPA is centered around design thinking, this space serves as the centralized location for ideation (brainstorming) and prototyping," shares Steele.

The Secondary makerspace is equipped with a wide variety of tools and equipment including new furniture (tables and chairs reflecting the design and color choices of IPA Secondary students), electrical upgrades, 2 desktop computers, a Smart TV, 3D printer, drill press, and other creative building supplies.

"The central philosophy around this space is to help students bridge the gap between science, technology, engineering, arts, and math," says Steele. "STEAM is a more inclusive, well-rounded form of STEM... It gives students a non-linear formula to use for most any situation whether it be designing a product or a service."

For more information on ways to give, contact IPA Director of Advancement Be-Jay Kodama at (808) 674-3525 or bkodama@ipahawaii.org.



## GOOD NEIGHBORS, STRONG COMMUNITIES

By Tricia Murata

It started out as a small but promising seed sowed in the Kapolei neighborhood – the IPA Ukulele Club playing its first public performance for the elderly residents of the recently opened 'Ilima at Leihano, a senior living community in 2016. Since then, the relationship between Island Pacific Academy and 'Ilima at Leihano has blossomed into an invaluable community partnership, with IPA students and 'Ilima residents reaping mutual benefits from these intergenerational connections.

Reaching out and being involved in the Kapolei community is a natural expression of IPA's core values of "generosity of spirit" and recognition of the "power of human kindness."

IPA Head of School Gerald Teramae is proud of the school in many ways. One of his fondest memories is when the Class of 2019 seniors chose to include the residents of 'Ilima at Leihano as part of their senior prom. Instead of the traditional prom attended by senior students and their guests, the Class of 2019 opted to host their event at the senior living facility and celebrate together with 'Ilima at Leihano residents.

"The (Class of 2019) seniors organized everything," shares Teramae. "They contacted 'Ilima at Leihano; they selected the music, refreshments; they elected a king and queen for the prom ('Ilima at Leihano residents). They danced with the seniors and spent time with them. It was such a special evening."

In 2021, student Ian Rife '23 made one 'Ilima resident's 102nd birthday even more special with the help of the IPA community. For retired Air Force Colonel Bruce Hunt's surprise birthday celebration, Rife created a large, decorated birthday board with encouraging and heartfelt messages from more than 20 Island Pacific Academy students and faculty to serve as a commemoration of Hunt's life of success and to express appreciation for his distinguished military service.

"I am so glad I was able to help make Col. Hunt's 102nd birthday a truly memorable one while also giving back in a positive way," says Rife.

Over the years, the IPA Elementary and Secondary programs have created lasting relationships with 'Ilima residents. Even when the pandemic put a halt to in-person activities, IPA students still found ways to connect with the residents in safe and meaningful ways. IPA's Middle School Student Government handcrafted beautiful holiday cards for the residents in December 2021, while Grade 2 students continued to share their love from a distance by collecting goods and treats, and creating cards, letters, and drawings that were delivered to the residents at 'Ilima for the holidays.

These connections within Kapolei and West O'ahu provide real-world lessons and opportunities for IPA students to understand what it means to be an active member of a community – enjoying the benefits of a thriving community while also appreciating the responsibility of giving back to support and enrich their community.







Gerald Teramae, Head of School, accepts a check for \$80,000 from the the tournament committee at IPA's 14th Annual Golf Tournament. (L-R: Gerald Teramae, Melanie Kim, Lance Wilhelm, Gregg Kodama, Michael Lam, Be-Jay Kodama).



## IPA's 14th Annual Golf Tournament Raises \$80,000 For Tuition Aid

By Tricia Murata

Island Pacific Academy's 14th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success thanks to presenting sponsor, First Hawaiian Bank, and the many other generous sponsors who joined IPA on April 22, 2022 at Hawai'i Prince Golf Club. This is the third consecutive year that the tournament has sold out, with a full field of 160 golfers hitting the links. The eight-person tournament committee, led by co-chairs Lance Wilhelm and Gregg Kodama, helped raise more than \$80,000 in support of IPA's Tuition Aid program.

The fun competition started with the pre-tournament putting contest and continued with the many on-course activities, including a chance to win a trip to the Masters at the Hole-in-One contest. Golfers were kept hydrated and fed with the many hospitality stations along the course, including Kapakahi Grindz, Teriyaki Madness, Sansei Seafood, and Bright Light Digital.

IPA's Parent-Teacher Association (IPAPA) was out on the course representing the IPA school community and serving up hot dogs and specialty cocktails, while cheering on the golfers.

The tournament was followed by a grab-and-go bento dinner and distribution of many fabulous prizes, including a two-night stay at the beautiful Mauna Lani Resort, four nights at the California Hotel & Casino, rounds of golf at Ko Olina Golf Course, a full-page ad in Hawai'i Business Magazine, and a 50" Samsung LCD TV.

As is tradition at IPA's golf tournament, the top place finishers were recognized with outstanding prizes, as well as the teams who came in 14th (representing the 14th tournament) and last places. Congratulations to the winning team from Hunt Companies Hawai'i! Their names will be added to the IPA Golf Tournament perpetual trophy. Finishing second and third were the teams from Maunakea Integrated Solutions and Grace Pacific, LLC. Our lucky 14th place winner was Mashima Electric, LLC. And rounding out the tournament with the highest score was Kiewit Building Group Inc. Congratulations to all!

Island Pacific Academy is grateful to all who participated and made the 2022 tournament a tremendous success. A special thanks to the Golf Tournament committee – Lance Wilhelm, Gregg Kodama, Cheryl Walthall, Melanie Kim, Darian Chun, Peter Kwan, Michael Lam, and James Malins – whose dedicated efforts ensured the tournament's success. All sponsors, donors, providers of gifts in-kind, and golfers gave generously to support IPA students, and that support impacts our Navigators in so many ways.

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By Tricia Murata

In fall 2021, Island Pacific Academy's creative fundraising event Plate It Forward...All Together Now! joined the global celebration of musical theater while also partnering in support of local restaurants.

Together with performers in more than 2,000 theaters in 50 states and 31 countries, the IPA Theater Department live streamed their performances of the exclusive musical revue *All Together Now!* from November 12-15, 2021. The global fundraising event was organized by Music Together International, to support the thousands of theaters struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Plate It Forward...All Together Now! IPA also partnered with local restaurants by encouraging the community to dine in or buy take out from November 10-13, 2021, during which time a portion of the restaurant proceeds were generously donated to IPA. Sponsors of Plate It Forward...All Together Now! were treated to a live stream of All Together Now! and a gourmet meal from MW Restaurant delivered to their front door on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Through sponsorships, restaurant participation, and a silent auction, Plate It Forward...All Together Now! raised approximately \$60,000 for IPA's Tuition Aid Program, student programs, and program areas of greatest need.



# Voices of Spirit



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I feel that it is important to have 'generosity of spirit' with all of us no matter where we go because sometimes people will feel down, and they might need someone to help them cheer up, because if we don't, they will most likely feel down and they will start to feel like they aren't important to anyone, but when really they are really important to everyone around them.

**Meleana Kuewa '28,**  
IPA Student

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We take care of each other and place importance on community. I think it can be found in all the small day to day interactions which has a compounding effect. Consistency is greater than intensity.

**Katie Davis,**  
IPA Elementary Faculty

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'Generosity of spirit' means to share kindness with everyone. It's so important to have 'generosity of spirit' because you never know what someone is going through so you just have to be nice to everyone to hopefully brighten their day.

**Bostyn Tsukamoto '26, IPA Student**



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'Generosity of spirit' is the heart of IPA and it is through this lens that we teach, work and learn together. The culture of the school is one where our students, teachers, parents, staff and administrators consider each other family. Our spirits are generous because we give 100% of ourselves to this special IPA 'Ohana.

**Martha Camacho,**  
IPA Board Chair

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As students, teachers and staff, a generous spirit is critical as a core value in order to go above and beyond one's role to create an inclusive, empowering and unique school environment.

**Linda Lee, IPA Parent ('28)**



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I like how it's 'generosity of spirit' because 'spirit' is so much more than finances. It's your time, your energy – it's living for something other than yourself.

**Kerri Vincent,**  
IPA Elementary  
Office Manager

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'Generosity of spirit' is helping others, supporting others, just because. It's having an open mind and an open heart, to serve our community, to make the world a better place. It's not about getting something in return; it's about doing what is right, because it is the right thing to do.

**Steve Ross, IPA Assistant Head of School**



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I believe it ('generosity of spirit') is a core value of the school because it is the foundation in creating a kind and caring community. When everyone tries to make others happy, everyone in the community is happy, which was what drew me to IPA as a student back in 2006.

– **Zachary Grant '10, IPA Staff and Alumnus**

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Chad Schmidt '22

Chad Schmidt '22 was recognized as the 2021-2022 PAC-5 Wolfpack Football Most Valuable All-Purpose Player for his outstanding performance in multiple positions during his varsity season. In previous years, Schmidt played on offense or special teams, but his senior year was the first where he played positions on offense, defense, and special teams. He has played football for the PAC-5 Wolfpack since his freshman year at IPA in 2019.

"It meant a lot to me to receive this award. It's the first award I've ever gotten and the fact that it was in my senior year made it even more special," says Schmidt. "One of the most important things I've learned these past years is the importance of a good work ethic. Playing with PAC-5 taught me to keep pushing and never give up on any of my dreams."

Grade 3 students and Elementary Digital Innovation teacher Dora Chilton were awarded Special Mention in the Elementary school division of the 2021 American Savings Bank for Education KeikiCo Contest business plan competition. They were also awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Foundation for their participation.



Grade 3



Chloe Davis '22

For the first time in Island Pacific Academy history, a student-written and directed play was performed at IPA's annual spring theater production. The premiere of *Crossroads*, a story of two best friends at the intersection of adolescence and adulthood by Chloe Davis '22, was the highlight of the theatrical event. Davis, who has been a part of IPA's theatre program since she was in Grade 2, never imagined her play would be performed for an audience or that she would have the opportunity to cast and direct peers performing her own work. It all came together successfully with lots of encouragement and support from friends and theatre arts teacher Brandi Dul.

"One of the most valuable things I'll take with me from IPA is the confidence to put myself out there, knowing I've learned the tools it takes to build something up and believe in something and then execute it," shares Davis.

Senior varsity golfer Kairi Matsuura '22 shot a hole-in-one on Hole #3 at Hoakalei Country Club in 'Ewa Beach during her regular season ILH match on Monday, April 28, 2022. She used an 8-iron off the tee to ace the 119 yard par 3.



Kairi Matsuura '22



Shelden Balatico '11

Island Pacific Academy alumnus Shelden Balatico '11 returned to campus as Head Coach of the varsity boys' and intermediate girls' volleyball teams for the 2021-2022 seasons. As Head Coach, he led the boys' varsity team to an ILH Division III championship win and was named the ILH Division III Coach of the Year. It was a full-circle moment for Balatico, who was IPA's first-ever boys' varsity player in 2008-2009, playing for the IPA co-op team, and who helped found the school's first varsity volleyball team during his senior year in 2010-2011.

"The best part about coaching this year was returning to help teach and guide the current student-athletes," said Balatico. "It feels like home, being back on campus. The memories that fill my soul leave me breathless when I walk through the hallways."



La'anui Nihipali '22

La'anui was recognized for his outstanding senior season as ILH Division III Most Valuable Player for Boys' Varsity Volleyball. The Navigators finished in first place with a 5-1 record for the regular season.



Kristin Chun '22

Kristin Chun '22 was selected for the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (CTL) Fellowship for 2021-2022. She was one of only 20 juniors and seniors selected from public and private high schools across the state for the prestigious program. As part of CTL's rigorous project-based learning leadership curriculum, Chun collaborated with influential community and civic leaders together with the other fellows to address important issues facing our local community. The young leaders worked in groups to come up with solutions to relevant local challenges like sustainability, police-community relations, and civic engagement. Chun and her team made it to the final six teams out of 117 projects in the CTL state finals. She was also the recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship from The Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation for exemplifying the qualities of hard work, high academic achievement, commitment to excellence, and dedication to her community. In athletics, Chun took first place in the individual competition of the Jared Kauffman Bowl-a-Rama Memorial Tournament at Aiea Bowl -- only the second Navigator in IPA history to win this tournament.

## Mahalo, Stan Vincent

Island Pacific Academy said mahalo nui and a hui hou to Stan Vincent as he retired from teaching in May 2022 after 17 dedicated years.

Vincent joined Island Pacific Academy as the Middle school science teacher on July 20, 2005, before IPA had an Upper school division or even a Secondary building. He helped to build the Secondary science department as well as the legacy of IPA, educating hundreds of students about biology and chemistry, values and character.

Vincent served as IPA's head coach for girls' and boys' varsity volleyball for 15 years. He led the lady Navigators to four ILH Division III championships (2012, 2014, 2018, 2019); earned the honor of ILH Division III Coach of the Year; and most recently received the 2021 HIADA Outstanding Coaches Award.

Vincent was also the faculty advisor for the IPA Junior Leadership Corp from 2006-2008 and played drums in the faculty band, 4th Period Extension, and the May Day musicians. In addition, he led the senior boys' hula, Laupāhoehoe Hula, at IPA's annual May Day celebration since the school's inaugural senior class. Every IPA senior male student has cast a net, flexed their muscles, and rubbed their 'ōpū in this special hula with "Mr. Stan."

Vincent is grateful for the incredible students he's taught and coached, and for his wonderful fellow teachers and administrators with whom he's worked and learned over the years. He feels especially blessed to have been a part of something special from the very start.

Vincent will miss IPA and the great people who work here, but it's his students he'll miss the most. They "kept me young and made it fun," he shares.







Navigator bowlers  
Aubrey Ramsbottom '22,  
Kristin Chun '22, and  
Kristine Agbayani '22  
celebrate after the Jared  
Kauffman Memorial  
Tournament.



## ATHLETICS 2021-2022

By Greg Terhune

The 2021-2022 school year saw the full return of IPA sports, happening during traditional seasons, for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020. While our athletes returned to competition, spectators were not allowed for the first half of the year. Not surprisingly, our resilient Navigator families found a way to be at the games in spirit through creative problem solving that allowed local and global viewing of the games through online streaming.

During the 2021-2022 season, the school welcomed IPA alumnus, Shelden Balatico '11, back to the volleyball court to serve as Head Coach, and IPA bid a fond aloha to longtime air riflery coach, Guy Yeager, as he transitioned to the mainland to spend time with his grandchild.

The IPA intermediate girls' basketball team accomplished the amazing feat of playing the entire season with only five players. Each student-athlete played every minute of every game, proudly representing IPA.

A highlight of the spring season was senior Kairi Matsuura '22 hitting a hole-in-one at the beautiful Hoakalei Country Club in 'Ewa Beach.

The good news is by the end of the season, athletes were able to participate in competition without masks and spectators made their way back to in-person viewing once more.

Congratulations to IPA's award-winning league student-athletes and coach!



**Division III Player of the Year**  
La'anui Nihipali '22 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball

**Division III Coach of the Year**  
Shelden Balatico '11 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball

**Jared Kauffman Memorial  
Singles Bowling Tournament**  
Kristin Chun '22 – First Place

**PAC-5 Wolfpack Football**  
**Most Valuable All-Purpose Player**  
Chad Schmidt '22

**ILH 1st Team All-Stars**  
Willow Ilagan '22 – Girls' Varsity Volleyball  
Kristin Chun '22 – Girls' Varsity Bowling  
Andrew Lu '22 – Boys' Varsity Basketball  
La'anui Nihipali '22 – Boys' Varsity Basketball  
Jayda Fullum '23 – Girls' Varsity Basketball  
Daija Mitchell '23 – Girls' Varsity Basketball  
Andrew Lu '22 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball

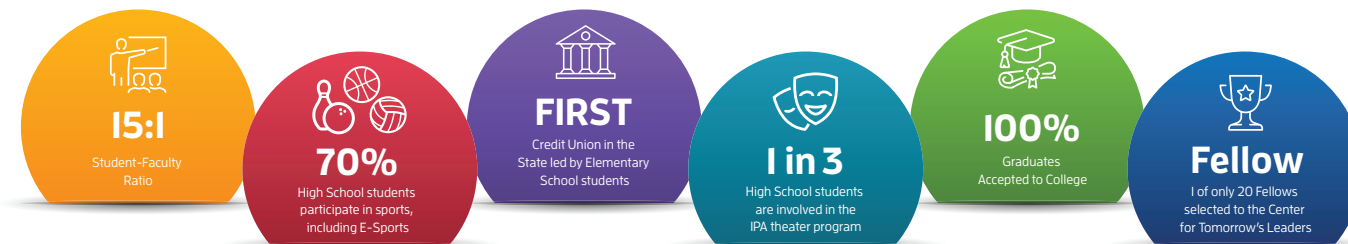
**ILH 2nd Team All-Stars**  
Alexa Vanyo '25 – Girls' Varsity Volleyball  
Chad Schmidt '22 – PAC-5 Varsity Football  
Youssef Hanna '22 – PAC-5 Varsity Soccer  
Chad Schmidt '22 – Boys' Varsity Basketball  
Madden Kamehele '23 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball  
Zane Tamashiro '25 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball  
Chad Schmidt '22 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball

**Honorable Mention**  
Cameron Cintron '23 – PAC-5 Varsity Football  
Meta Bradley '22 – Girls' Varsity Basketball  
Juliana Lencinas '22 – Girls' Varsity Basketball  
Anthony Ahu-Fisher '23 – PAC-5 Varsity Baseball  
Jett Taaca '24 – Boys' Varsity Volleyball

**Individual Representative at  
HHSAA championship**  
Kristin Chun '22 – Bowling



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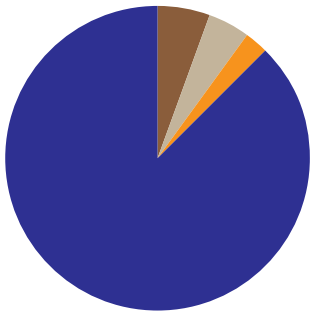
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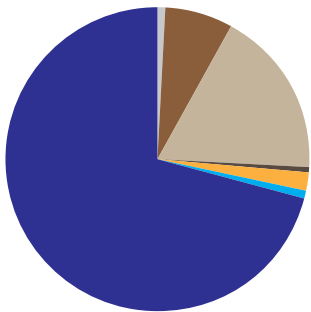
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OPERATING REVENUES  
\$9,597,000

- Tuition – 87.5%
- Fundraising & Special Events – 2.6%
- Contributions – 4.6%
- Other Revenue – 5.3%



OPERATING EXPENSES  
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- Program & Instruction – 4.7%
- Advertising & Promotion – 1.9%
- Fundraising Expenses – 0.7%
- Occupancy – 17.1%
- Administration Expenses – 6.7%
- Other Expenses – 0.8%

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Grade 2 teachers, Sheena Fajardo and Kitty Tackett, help their students create colorful handprints on the picnic table the class donated to IPA using funds raised from the Grade 2 bracelet project.



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