

CLASS OF '76 50TH REUNION

Times of Our Lives



APRIL 24 - 25, 2026

Aloha Cougars!

We have asked the members of our Class of '76 to provide a short bio, favorite memory and a couple of photos, all of which are compiled in the following pages.

Please enjoy reading what our classmates have submitted and thank you to those of you who participated!

50th Reunion Committee

Mrs. Evelyn Main



The memory of your graduation ceremony 50 years ago was so like all of you. It was planned and executed with precision, hard work and was unique and truly special. As I watched you all descend the stairs of the amphitheater I felt the ache of empty nest syndrome, losing all of you at once to face the world.

I continued to teach and work at Kaiser as the Student Activity Coordinator overseeing all the extra activities of the four grade levels for the next eight years. I then began my journey as an administrator. I was Vice Principal at Konawaena High and Kealakekua Elementary on the Big Island, came back to Aliamanu Intermediate on 'Oahu, where I was recognized for the drug plan I developed and implemented, and, finally, principal at Salt Lake Elementary. As principal, the innovative program I established received a Blue Ribbon Award. I retired in 1995 after 37 years with the DOE.

I spend my retirement years fishing, camping, reading, painting and working on the Main Family Coffee Farm in Kona. I've traveled extensively all over the world.

My favorite years were the ones spent with all of you. You have all touched my life in the most positive way. I loved you all then and love you still. I am so proud of all of you. Keep safe, take care of yourselves and live well.

Scott & Debbie [Mitsui] Chan



In our 48 plus years together, we have been blessed with a great family and two wonderful kids.

Our son Shane, has five children and daughter Kelsi, has one child, with two more on the way this July.

We have been enjoying our retirement years with the grandchildren (who all reside in Hawaii Kai two to five minutes from us).....babysitting, workouts, coaching, pickups and drop-offs, hiking, traveling, sports events and attending their games.

Our favorite memories of Kaiser High are the friendships that we made and have kept close throughout the years.

Kathryn Currier



Graduating in 1980 from the University of Hawaii with a BS in Fashion Design & Merchandising, my career in the industry, took me overseas where I lived, worked and traveled extensively in the Far East, Southeast Asia, Oceania and Europe before returning to the Islands in 1995. Upon my return, I found enjoyment working and volunteering in the non-profit sector in various capacities for the last 15 years of my professional life before retiring in 2019. During this time, I returned to the University of Hawaii receiving a graduate certificate in Historic Preservation in 2011.

I met my life partner, Peter Chamberlain in 2001, he hails from Northern New York State where we enjoy spending time with extended family and friends during the summer and autumn months since retiring. Kayaking has become a favorite way for me to spend time relaxing on the water while remaining active and healthy in my senior years. We are avid sports fans and enjoy watching our favorite teams, go 'Bows! We have one daughter, Rowan (née Iris, Kaiser '01), who resides in Seattle, a tech wizard by day, lead singer in a punk band by night.

I attended Kaiser High for just my senior year, the daughter of an Army officer, the military kept our family moving. I had 3 classes, English with Ms. Rodrigues, Accounting & Typing with Mrs. Kubota, Civics with Mr. Teruya...and by lunchtime or just after, weather permitting, which it usually was, we headed to Sandy Beach for sun & surf! The carefree days at Kaiser High! CHEERS TO ALL ON OUR 50th!

John Doi



Born April 29, 1958, in Boston Massachusetts to Raymond “Johnny” & Aiko “Lorraine” Doi. Our family returned to Hawaii in 1962. I attended Ala Wai Elementary (K-4th), Jefferson Elementary (5th & 6th) and Washington Intermediate schools (7th) before relocating to Hawaii Kai. Where I attended Niu Valley Intermediate School (8th) and finally Kaiser High School (9th through 12th). After high school, I attended Kapiolani Community College and ultimately transferred to the University of Hawaii at Manoa (1985) where I graduated with a degree in Economics.

My professional career started with a job as a busboy at the Miramar Hotel in Waikiki, two weeks out of high school graduation. Here I worked my way up in several line & managerial positions for 15 years while I worked my way through school. I met my wife Kari here at the hotel (I was her Busboy; she was a Waitress). We got married in 1985 and just celebrated our 40th anniversary. I went on to work for Ecolab Inc. – Institutional Division for the next 30 years in a variety of field and managerial positions.

Debs [Gaidos] Dudoit



Loved being a part of KHS '76, especially student body activities. We are where we are now because of the choices we made or didn't make. Hopefully we are all a lot wiser now.

Attended KCC and graduated from Travel Institute of the Pacific and Leadership Bible Institute. Worked in the travel and construction industry and still in ministry.

Healing Hearts and Restoring Lives is my passion. I host weekly and monthly meetings and annual women's advances (retreats). Just celebrated our 10th anniversary. In 2019, I planned our first mission trip to Kibera-Nairobi, Kenya (largest slum in Africa). I went to Machida, Japan with Anchor Church for my 2nd mission.

We (hubby and friends) have been serving US Veterans for 20 years. We host lunch, celebrate holidays and remind our Vets they are loved and appreciated. Contact me if you would like to donate or help. (Commercial) 721-4093

My husband, Mitch and I enjoy traveling to different countries and new places together.

Thankful for Ohana, friends and life itself. God bless Kaiser Cougars '76 and our Ohana!

Carolyn [Nakama] Duscha

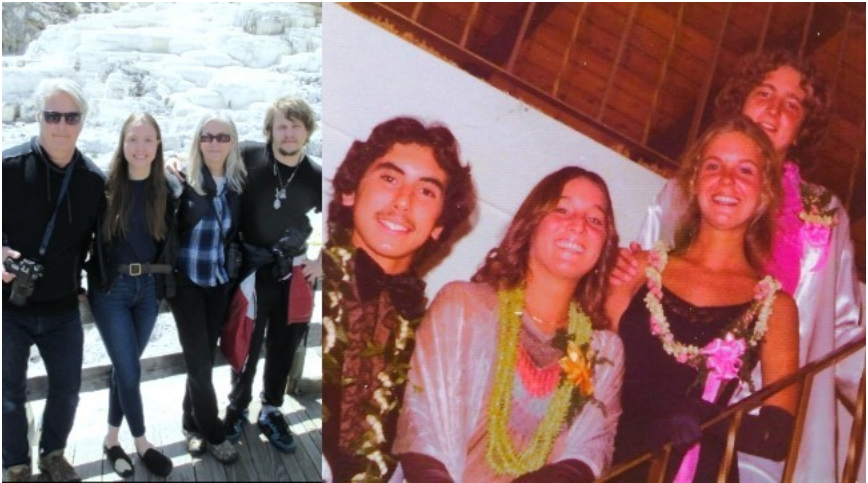


After graduating from UH-Manoa, I worked several different jobs on Oahu. I married Kevin in 1988 and we moved to the East Coast (Maine and Upstate New York). I worked various jobs, was able to enjoy raising two beautiful, successful daughters, Hannah and Simone, and truly enjoyed working as a special education aide in both the elementary and middle schools. Upon retiring Kevin and I moved away from the harsh, bitter cold winters and hot and humid summers. We are residing in Las Vegas, Nevada. We enjoy hiking, traveling, crafting and volunteering in various community activities.

My most memorable times at Kaiser were when our classmates came together to help build the homecoming float, cheer on our football team at games and the kindness we all shared with one another. I was especially touched with the kind words, cards and pictures I received when I was recovering from a bus riding accident during my freshman year.

It's hard to believe it's already been 50 years. I'm sure everyone looks the same.

Susan Farrell



After graduating from Kaiser, Michael Meister and I moved to Amsterdam and worked for 18 months. We met up with Wendy Lewis and traveled across Europe together. After returning from Europe, I worked in the music business with bands like REO Speedwagon and Motley Crue.

Then Michael and I opened our record store, Texas Records, in Santa Monica. Bands would come and play at the store, and I met my husband Steve when his band played there. A couple years later Michael and I started our record label, with several artists including Poi Dog Pondering and Henry Rollins.

My husband and I moved to Davis California where Steve went to veterinary school and I worked the record label and the family. We now live in Ashland Oregon and have our own veterinary practice. And raised a family here.

My favorite memories from Kaiser were the senior Prom and hanging with all my friends, some of whom are still friends today. I'm still grateful that Cha Cha Baker once saved me from getting beat up after school. That is a great memory.

Stacy Fernandes



I have built my career around leadership, dedication, and a strong connection to others. I began as an assistant buyer at Ali'i Gift Shop, later serving as second-in-command at Fast Stop, where I trained all in-store employees. I went on to manage Gem department store, worked as a journeyman produce clerk at Safeway, became the owner and operator of Honolulu Pet Sitters, and served as a produce buyer and manager at Down to Earth. For the past 17 years, I have worked at Target - the best job I have ever had - and I truly love being there!

My favorite Kaiser High School memories include hanging out for years on the steps of E Building, playing four years of basketball, managing volleyball and track, and attending school sporting events. I treasure the many friendships and lasting bonds that have stood the test of time - connections maintained through annual get-togethers and unforgettable trips, with our Kaua'i adventure being the most memorable. I have such great memories of our group water flume riding, biking, zip-lining, and enjoying late night talks filled with laughter.

Outside of work, my greatest joy is spending time with my rescued dog, Lucky, a lovable mix of 16 breeds I adopted from the Humane Society four years ago. Lucky has brought me much love and joy and is a consistent reminder of the happiness that comes from meaningful connections.

Eric Fishell



It's been fifty years since leaving Kaiser. Fifty years of experiences and adventures, I never imagined how my life would be as of this writing. I had no plans except I wanted to further my education. So into the Marine Corps I went. Some might think that path was counter-intuitive. I saw my enlistment as a challenge and a way to college through the GI Bill. After my discharge I pursued a degree in geology/ geography and left San Diego State University degreed and ready for work.

Me, being single, I was employed with many companies and moved around but finally ended up working for the US Navy. I worked at Fallbrook Naval Weapons Station Air Launched Missile Division and Marine Corp Program Branch out of China Lake CA, and Hawthorn NV. Promotions came fast and I traveled around the world as part of my job. I participated as in theater support personnel (DOD) in preparation leading up to the first gulf war in conjunction with defense contractors. The work I chose as well as my career facilitated my comfortable retirement in 2018.

I finally got married to my beautiful wife Debbie in 2013 after meeting her on a dating website. I never saw that coming. We enjoy traveling, gardening, car camping exploring back roads and just being around each other. Neither of us have children, it wasn't in the cards for us. We now reside in Prescott Arizona and routinely visit Hawaii.

Crissie Gilkey



After high school, I attended KCC while also working at Waikiki restaurants. In 1977, I became a flight attendant at Aloha Airlines and worked there until the airline ceased operations in 2008. Then I worked at Kamaka Hawaii and held other part-time jobs until I regained my dream job as a flight attendant for Hawaiian Airlines in 2011. I continue to enjoy traveling to amazing destinations, but most of all I love visiting my family & friends who have moved to the Mainland.

I'm a proud mom of my 34 yr. old son, Christian, who works at the Honolulu Fire Department as an F-3. He has a 6 yr. old daughter, Avea, who is in kindergarten at Kamehameha Schools. Both Christian & Avea are the love & joy of my life.

I enjoyed my years at Kaiser, especially recess time at E bldg., being a JV song leader, and attending the various sports & school events. My favorite memory is when we had a last-minute JV football & squad party at my Hawaii Kai family home. We had a safe & super fun time! I also cherish my '76 Kaiser gang. We still meet up & whenever we do, it's as if we are teenagers again.

Marla Grossman



Wishing my Kaiser classmates a great 50th reunion. I cherish my memories of growing up in Honolulu in the 60's and 70's.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Delicious, healthy school lunches, made from scratch every day. Shortbread cookies, shoyu chicken, watercress salad. Yick Lung cracked seed, our version of candy. May Day performances. We practiced so hard. Going barefoot to school. First McDonald's in Hawaii opened in Aina Haina in 1968, but never as tasty as plate lunch. Old Honolulu Stadium at King/Isenberg. Islanders baseball, boiled peanuts and young announcer Al Michaels. Rock concerts inside Diamond Head Crater. Disco dancing at Bobby McGee's in Waikiki, as the drinking age back then was 18.

Gratefully retired in 2019 from the State of AZ Office of the Comptroller. Live in Gilbert, AZ with my Navy veteran husband Peter. I have the old lady hobby of gardening. Gardenia, pikake, bird of paradise, figs, grapes, lavender, eucalyptus, oleander. Worked in finance in NYC and Stamford, CT. Grad school at Cornell University's School of Hotel Management. Taught in Switzerland and Boston.

Michael Gurian



I only went to Kaiser one year because my family moved back to Hawaii at the end of my junior year of high school. I fondly remember my time at Kaiser, especially on the Debate Team which took up a lot of my time! We made it to the final round in the year end tournament then lost there to Punahou (they creamed us, but still, it was a blast).

Since graduating, I went on to Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA (where I live again now). After Gonzaga, it was on to graduate school. I have had a varied career--entrepreneur (the Gurian Institute) mental health counselor (therapist), speaker, author, consultant. My 36th book was just published: *Boys, A Rescue Plan* (2025).

Gail Ann Reid was kind enough to marry me in 1986. Our marriage ended with her passing from pancreatic cancer in 2023. She is deeply missed by me and our two wonderful daughters (one is an attorney and one is a Project Manager) and two grandchildren. I continue to work on the Gurian Institute projects (www.gurianinstitute.com) and I continue to write (michaelgurian.substack.com). I also spend every moment with the grandchildren that I can.

Cooper [Hoss] Herr



My life since Kaiser has taken me to my hometown of Lake Oswego, OR via thousand of twists and turns of family events, family loves and family blessings! After 45 years together Dan and I are grateful for the life we have been lucky to have! We met when Dan was in Medical School and after 4 fabulous kids our household was at the very least chaotic! I spent most of my free time volunteering, whether at school or most currently at The Red Cross! With all of our family always nearby, our lives are filled with 4 adorable grandkids, who are so passionate about everything! It truly gives us perspective and then realize that we might have done something right!

Kaiser was some of the best years of my life! Met so many, that impacted me to this day! My favorite time was being able to “hang out” outside...who else got that! My kids and grandkids love that about our visits... filled with the love of our Hawaii friends!

Herb and Michelle Schreiner, two of the most amazing people I know, should get a special “shout out” for all the ways they have kept our class caring for each other over the years!

Russell Inouye



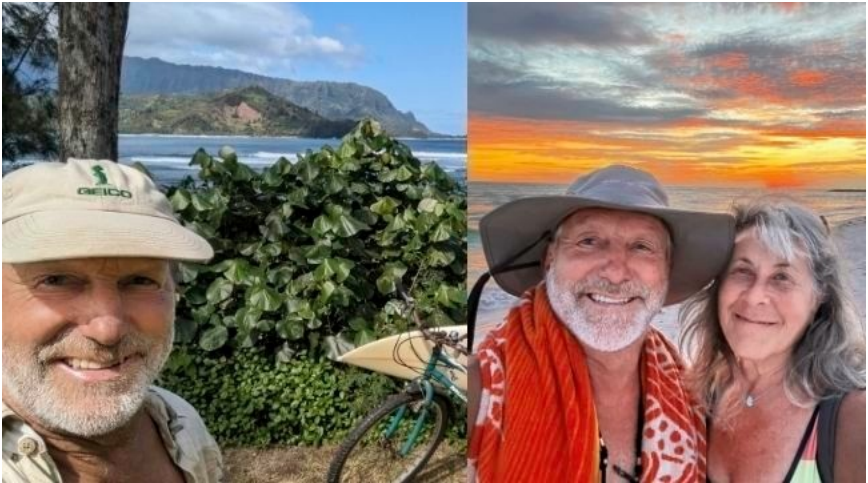
I feel lucky to have gone to Kaiser in the 70's because it was a brand new school. I made a lot of friends who gave me good memories of my high school years.

After graduating, I worked as a bellman at the Kahala Hilton Hotel while attending the University of Hawaii. As part of my bellman job I got to see many celebrities who stayed at the hotel, such as Michael Jackson and President George P. Bush.

In 1982 I was hired as an air traffic controller by the FAA. My training was at the FAA Training Academy in Oklahoma City, which was exciting for me because I met people from all over the country. I was assigned to the Honolulu ARTCC located in Diamond Head Crater. That facility was later relocated to Hickam AFB, where I worked until I retired in 2014 after 32+ years of federal service.

I got married in 1989 and have a son and daughter, both in their 30's. Retired life has been very enjoyable and relaxing. I do a lot of projects at home and have traveled around the US and to several foreign countries. I look forward to more travel and good times with family and friends in the future.

Jeffrey Jones



I grew up mostly in So-Cal. My parents surfed, dove, and fished. When I was 4yr we all lived in Manoa while they went to UH Manoa. They divorced soon after. I started surfing at 8yr. My dad took a job at UH Manoa so at 15yr I moved with him and his new family in Hawaii Kai so I could surf in HI. I started Kaiser right after the teachers strike.

Most memorable experience: Getting my report card on KHD. Jeff Almeida went with me to help "negotiate" the experience.

My Favorite memory: Watching China Walls on a big day from the 3rd floor of (I think) "E" building.

After HS, I moved back to So-Cal, went to college, studied Architecture, Engineering, and Economics. I worked as a draftsman, robotics engineer, HP printer designer, shifted to consulting (printers, medical devices, misc.) for about 20 years so I could take more days off. I LOVE the Hilo side of Big Island, and spent some years playing on a piece of land there. I now winter on Kauai in a condo, and summer in So-Cal with my (hopefully) future wife Claudia. I'm retired, unless I'm needed on a Project. I still surf often

Ginger Gee Jordan



Aloha Class of '76 Kaiser Cougars! Hard to believe it's been 50 years. From Hawaii to life in Lake Tahoe, I've carried the spirit of Aloha with me always.

One favorite memory is my junior year science fair—accidentally blowing up Mr. Hughes' lab after school! With Kevin Tracy nearby, a BIC lighter and a mix of vinegar and baking soda, we created quite the bubbly explosion. After graduation, I went to college, joined a ski club and met my husband, Phil, 36 years ago. We built our life in Tahoe, where our three kids still live and I'm now a proud grandmother of three.

In 2014, I was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension and given five years to live. With care and a healthy lifestyle, my husband and I managed it well. I believe life's luxury is about experience, legacy, family, God—and living life with Aloha!

Jeri (Jerilyn) Kirihara



After high school I went to Kapiolani Community College - I received my AS degree. I worked at our family business from my high school years until I moved to California in 1980. I worked at the Longs Drug store in the area as a bookkeeper for close to 30 years. Went back to school and updated my computer skills, then worked for a market research firm and currently I'm at the Sausalito Yacht Club as their Office Manager/Bookkeeper.

I love traveling in Europe. I've done several river cruises on the upper and lower Danube, Seine and the Rhine. I've also gone on an ocean cruise in the Mediterranean region. I also visited friends in France, Brussels, Corsica and Japan.

I have such fond memories of my time at Kaiser. I made my best friends there and I'm lucky to still have them in my life. I loved going to most of the sport events, helped with the first Athletic Luau and I also had fun helping with the school play "West Side Story". Remember the carnival!! All Great Memories

Duane Komine



I am a seven-time industry award recipient and hold an IREM Triple Crown distinction, earning the ARM® designation and receiving the national individual REME Award through the Institute of Real Estate Management. (source BMH)

With more than 35 years of ultra-luxury condominium leadership experience, I have managed, coached and consulted across many of Honolulu's premier residential towers, including Hokua at 1288 Ala Moana, Nauru Tower, One Ala Moana, Park Lane Ala Moana and other upscale communities throughout Honolulu's urban core.

The Country Living Band dismantled in the 80's however, few members continued with their musical career. Ben Kaumeheiwa continued with Mauna Loa and Makana and I retired my drumming with Roland Cazimero after his passing.

Married to Mrs. Hawaii, 3 daughters, & 5 granddaughters

Amy [Chang] Lee



The best part of KHS was meeting my late husband, Curtis Lee. After pharmacy school from University of the Pacific for me and Fresno State for Curtis, we were married in 1981. I have one daughter, a grandson (16) and a granddaughter (14).

After pharmacy school, I worked for Longs in Modesto and Fresno, California before transferring to Longs Hawaii (Manoa & Kailua). I was with Longs for 13 years before transitioning to pharmaceutical sales with Eli Lilly for a few months. I spent the next 30 years at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii retiring in 2023 as the Outpatient Pharmacy Director.

Since retirement, I've been busy planning and traveling domestically & internationally. Highlights include hiking to the top of Mount Fuji, watching Kilauea fountain (episode 37), ice caving in Iceland, seeing the tulip blossoms in Netherlands and going through the slot canyons of Utah.

A hui hou 😊

Rene [Westfall] Line

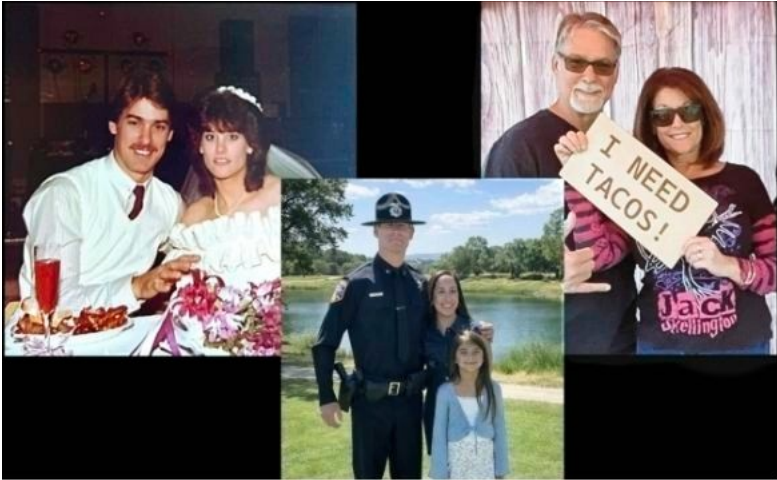


I earned a BS degree in Human Development from UH in 1981 and my first job was teaching preschool in Kailua. I soon realized I would never be able to support myself so I went to Boston in 1985 to get a Masters Degree in teaching. Upon returning to Hawaii, I continued my career path in early childhood by teaching elementary school, and then working on the Kaneohe Marine Base as an Training Specialist for the Child Development programs.

In 1990 I married my husband Alan, and we had our son Aaron in 1996. In 1999 we made the very difficult decision to move to Placerville, California. It was very hard to leave Hawaii and we still miss it. We've been living in the same house in the Sierra Foothills for 27 years. I continued my career in Early Childhood and am now working as a program coordinator for the County Office of Education. I'm looking forward to retiring this year after a 46 year career in early childhood.

My favorite memories at Kaiser were attending all of the sporting events to cheer on our team and hanging out with friends outside of A building.

Tim Lopes



After my time at Kaiser High School, I headed to California with a plan to becoming a firefighter. That didn't work out for me — but it must skip a generation, because my son, Blaine, is now a Chief with Cal Fire, and I couldn't be prouder.

Instead, I found my path in the water sports and boating industry — a much better fit for me. I've spent 40 years in boating, including the last 14 with Malibu Boats in their engineering and design department. I've truly enjoyed every minute.

This December, I'm retiring and looking forward to the next chapter. My main plan is becoming the full-time shuttle driver for my granddaughter, Alana, taking her to jujitsu, basketball, and gymnastics. I'll also make plenty of time to play local gigs with my band, Troublesome!

Kris and I have been married 41 years and now happily live in Central California, right across the street from our son and his family. Yes — I've become that kind of grandparent!

Jared Lum



After high school, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree specializing in Environmental Engineering at the University of Hawaii.

I could then work in Clean Water at the Board of Water Supply or Dirty Water at the Wastewater Division at the City of Honolulu. Of course, I chose Dirty Water. That meant dealing with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawaii Department of Health on behalf of the City until retirement in 2015.

I was single most of my life until I found the right person recently. I married wonderful Tina on March 30, just last month!

I remember performing magic for classmates at Koko Head Elementary, and in 2025 performed at the Kaimuki Performing Arts Center with other magicians. I remember demonstrating T'ai chi Ch'uan at a Kaiser school assembly. It helped me through adversity and I still enjoy it. I also enjoy novel writing.

A good memory I have from Kaiser days is when a group of us filmed a crime drama for Terry Shimabukuro's project. Another fun memory was decorating a school float after school (or was it during school?).

Joan Marliave



In the summer of 1969 my sister Jannie and I moved from Sacramento to Kaneohe to live with my Aunty. My father then joined us 6 months later. They bought a house in beautiful Hawaii Kai in 1970. I attended Koko Head, Niu Valley and Kaiser. When I reminisce, I realize how fortunate I was to be able to attend Kaiser High School with all of you, my outstanding, caring, loving classmates. Thank you for being my Ohana.

My grandmother still lived in California, so I would write letters to Hawaiian Airlines during high school asking them for a job, longing to fly up to visit her. My dreams were answered Nov 1978 as I was hired as a Flight Attendant. I flew inter island for work and was able to jump on Western to visit my grandmother. In 1985 I moved to San Francisco and flew charters to Europe. Then in the 1990's I was based in Italy and flew Desert Storm.

Returned home and married in 2003 to John Kruse. We hanai my nephew, my sister's Son Steven in 2014. Steven and John bought a Shepard in 2012 we named Kaiser. Steven is receiving his Masters in Civil Engineering this May!

Gail Masutani



After graduation and a semester at UH, I spent 27 years with Aloha Airlines, then 10 years with TD Bank in Cherry Hill, NJ. In 2015, I joined The University of New Mexico's Global Education Office, where I still work. Along the way, I married Marty Wolf, had two children—Christine and Kevin—and am excited to welcome twin granddaughters in July.

Some of my favorite Kaiser memories include American History Day, school carnivals and dances, and all the fun times spent together at lunch. I especially remember Mrs. Main's guidance class and the hours spent working on activities. I'll never forget the all nighters building homecoming floats, selling King's Hawaiian sweet bread on Sundays, and screening class shirts and diploma holders. Even challenges, like our class banner ripping the day before graduation, brought us together. Winning class competitions was a highlight, but the best parts were the friendships, teamwork, and spirit that made the Class of '76 truly special.

Sally [Estes] May



After Kaiser, UCSB, and Loyola Law School, I spent 13 years practicing law in downtown LA, then with the federal government in DC, and finally as Deputy City Attorney of Costa Mesa, before retiring to raise my three children with my husband, Doug.

My family is the highlight of my life and proudest accomplishment. All three of my children were recruited athletes: Hilary broke two records in track at Harvard, Heather was a national champion sailor at Yale, and Greg ran for TCU. They have given me 6 grandkids so far, with a 7th on the way. Doug is now retired so we spend our time golfing, boating, visiting our children and traveling all over the world, including multiple trips yearly to our favorite destination, Hawaii.

My fondest memories of KHS are playing flute in the band with Mr. Yoshioka; driving my old Dodge convertible up the hill to campus each day; wearing jeans, halter tops, and puka shells; and my special friends, Nia, Kimeece, Mary, Debbie and Denise. I look forward to seeing everyone.

P.S. I was the original designer of our class of '76 seal, displayed on this book!

Marilyn McAllister



I left beautiful island life to attend the University of CA, Santa Barbara, where I earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and met my future husband. Chasing jobs after college, we moved to Boise, Idaho, where we still live. We both worked at Hewlett Packard for many years. I left HP to earn another degree and enjoy a short second career as a personal trainer. Jack and I have two sons, both in their 30's and married to amazing women. Both sons pursued engineering - one structural engineer, one mechanical engineer.

While I'm still not a fan of the high desert landscape, living in this area has given me access to many outdoor opportunities including snow skiing, backpacking, hiking, biking, water skiing, whitewater rafting and ocean kayaking. Idaho's primary assets include the largest wilderness area in the US outside of Alaska, Wild and scenic rivers and lots of public land.

We both retired in 2015 and now enjoy various volunteer gigs and traveling. Some of the traveling is in a small motorhome, other trips involve long plane flights.

David McBride [Paul Melze]



My mother was a commercial artist, my father, an engineer. Raised by my mother, everyday was art school even when in challenging circumstances until I left home at 18. I sold my first work in 3rd grade and began showing drawings monthly in 7th grade at the Honolulu Zoo. After moving to LA at 19 and starting my first business in the television industry at 24, I painted commissioned portraits through the LA Design Center and exhibited portraits at numerous shows from 1987 until 1996. In 1993 I started Oh Tookurah Design and my furniture was published in April 1994, Interior Design Magazine. I had furniture in several galleries throughout Southern California.

In 1995 I met Linda, now my wife and we moved to Baltimore. In 2000, I received a BA in International Relations from Goucher College, and went on to serve with Linda in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, after which I worked for 20 years as an analyst at the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, where I was awarded the Inspector General's Award for Meritorious Service, after significantly improving the quality assurance process, as well as creating several other quality management tools. Upon retirement, I returned to art full-time in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where we live in a 140 year old fire station that has been converted into a home. Some of my work can be seen at pdmcbride.com and [instagram.com/pdmcbride/](https://www.instagram.com/pdmcbride/).

Michael Meister



Susan Farrell and I, went to Senior Prom. I was the only one, not in formal attire. Other memories are Debbie Kaaua, defending me (saving my butt from getting kicked), and spending time in the Principals office, for some annoyance or another.

After graduation, Susan and I, ventured to Amsterdam and traveled Europe. The beaches in Greece, almost rival, those of Hawaii!

Eventually landing in LA, I became a prominent club/dance DJ and worked at NPR radio. In 1984, Susan and I, opened an Indie Record Shop, in Santa Monica (Texas Records), that evolved into an Indie Record Label (Texas Hotel). I continued to participate in the "Music World", working with both R.E.M. and Natalie Merchant (album/creative design and personal/tour assistants).

I'm currently living in So CA. I travel often, follow politics, art, music, baseball and collect outsider art. I'm still close with Wendy Harris, Jeff Nunokawa and, of course, Susan Farrell (I adore her two offspring and she's a regular travel partner). The four of us are here together for the Kaiser High Class of '76 reunion.

PS: A special Mahalo, to The Nunokawa Family, for making my senior year at Kaiser possible.

Mele Mulder Fung



I was born in Hilo and lived in Kona until age seven, when my family moved to Oahu for my father's promotion to VP of Inter Island Resorts. I attended Koko Head Elementary, Niu Valley Middle School, and then Kaiser High School.

My favorite memories include being on the swim team, going to the beach, surfing, and spending time with friends at Portlock Point.

After college, I married and welcomed my two sons, Tyler (1981) and Austen (1984). I worked for 16 years at the Hilton Hawaiian Village before moving to the mainland in 1998 to begin a career in property management. I recently retired and am enjoying this new chapter of life.

Today, I love spending time with my family—my two sons, daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren—both in Hawaii and on the mainland. I also enjoy traveling, working out, and going to concerts.

Calvin Nakatsuka



I attended the UH after graduating from Kaiser. With diploma & no job, a chance encounter with a Kaiser administrator led to a gig as a long-term substitute teacher at KHS. I spent half a year subbing daily wherever needed. 4 years prior I was a student. Now I was in the faculty lounge talking story with the same teachers who taught me (us). Pretty cool.

In 1981 I moved to the Boston area with my wife Kathy (KHS '77) when she was accepted to grad school at MIT. Worked in the electronics industry. After she graduated in '86 we drove cross country. Spent 4 weeks on the road tenting most of the time. Rushmore, Yellowstone, etc, spectacular experience.

Middletown, CT has been home since '86. I worked at a high tech optical/laser company then sold real estate. Retired last year. 50 year dream realized-got my private pilots license and a plane.

We have two sons, Craig and Richard. Craig is a librarian and Rich is a master's student at UCLA.

Favorite memories at KHS? Many! Playing and marching in the band. Building homecoming floats. Some awesome teachers. It was a special 'Ohana.

Wendy [Thatcher] Noriega



I only went to Kaiser for two years. Military family, parents bought a house on Mariners Ridge. Freshmen year in Rhode Island, Sophomore at Aiea. We hosted the Exchange student, Evelyn from Brazil. We are still very close. I went to college in Pennsylvania, Villanova University. Nursing degree. Came home and worked at Kapiolani for 5 years. Marriage, 2 kids, divorce. Remarriage, husband military. Moved to California, Colorado, then Okinawa, then Houston, Texas. My husband, Carlos, got chosen to be an astronaut in 1995. We had triplets in 1992, so 5 kids. My oldest son, Ryan died in 2012 of cancer, he was 28.

Now we live west of Houston in Katy, Texas. Both retired. I garden my acre of land and help with my grandchildren. My husband rides his bike often and helps me in the yard and house. All my children except one live in Texas. Life is good.

Jeff Nunokawa



In 1972 when I was in ninth grade, my P.E. instructor was a Vietnam Vet. named Von Arnswaldt. He was jacked like no one I'd ever seen and wore mirrored aviators during class. I don't remember ever seeing the whites or any other part of his eyes.

And I don't remember anything about the class except how it ended. We all had to run the length of the football field and back, and whoever was last had to run another lap. One additional lap doesn't seem like much, now that I think about it, but I wasn't the only boy who ran across that field as if his life depended on it. (I was never dead last. It was usually some disengaged stoner.)

But as truly terrible as that ritual was, that's not what I remember best about Von Arnswaldt. What I remember best about Von Arnswaldt is what he said to us one day, after our final run:

I'll tell you who really earns my respect in this class. It's not the offensive lineman who makes no effort. It's the little guy who gives me his best.

I don't know what Mr. Von Arnswaldt saw in Vietnam. He never talked about it when I was around. And when I was around, no one ever asked him about it. I've heard since from people who got to know him that what he saw was pretty awful.

I don't remember ever exchanging a single word with Von Arnswaldt. What I do remember is this old soldier who would bend the rules of terror and give you an A for effort as long as you tried your hardest.

Cheryl [Inouye Arakawa] Orneallas



I started out working in the travel industry and spent almost 20 years in hotels ... former Hawaiian Regent, Halekulani and Ihilani properties. Did consulting for small business start ups before joining DFS Waikiki, Waialae Country Club and am currently at DTRIC Insurance with hopes to retire sooner than later.

While not a "favorite memory" from high school, I am most grateful for meeting Ted Fukushima, who was a guiding force during my time at Kaiser. He had me sew curtains for the office to give the guys privacy, since I spent so much time in the boy's locker room, I drove Fuk on errands - like to his travel agent to pick up tickets for the basketball team trips - while he served as my driver's ed instructor, Was his TA for three of my six classes in senior year, taking roll call and doing paperwork.

Found out that our paths would cross over a couple of days while we were on separate trips through Japan. Ted had me meet him in Tokyo and took me to see cherry blossoms, the Hachi statue at the train station, shopping and Mount Fuji. It was a wonderful experience to spend time together after so many years, especially since he has been to Japan about 80 times! Appreciate all his aloha for his students.
ciao

Mark Ragsac



After graduating in the top 90% at Kaiser I attended the University of Hawaii. From there I attended dental school in Boston. Been practicing ever since and enjoying my patients as friends and family. Married for the past 34 years with two children. I used to enjoy playing competitive basketball & volleyball but the body has told me otherwise. Now I enjoy listening to 70s & 80s music and binge watching Netflix and Amazon Prime. Hard to believe 50 years have past but I have lived, loved and laughed.

My favorite Kaiser moments are climbing Koko Head crater when the koa trees were overgrown with a bunch of classmates and nearly sliding down the tracks because it was drizzling. The next moment was playing a tackle football game against the dreaded class of 77 during Thanksgiving. Don't ask me how this came about.

Christopher Raines



I've been fortunate to have lived a good life to this point and I hope the same is true for you. After high school I went to college in Oregon (Pacific University) with the goal of playing baseball and surviving a college curriculum (it all worked out). After school I moved to L.A. to work in the aerospace industry. It was a remarkable experience for a kid so wet behind the ears and eventually led me to other opportunities, including Cisco Systems in San Jose, where I retired from in February of 2024.

I was married for 18 years and have a son now who is 17 years old, completing his senior year in high school. Jackson is my pride and joy, a good young man and a pretty good baseball player himself.

I've always enjoyed being active (sports or exercise related) and doing handyman projects around the house. One of my primary hobbies is woodworking.

Best Kaiser story: Freshman year I was on the JV football team. We were getting our butts kicked every week. Finally, we go to Castle High School and win the first ever football game for Kaiser. The joy and excitement of that was incredible!

Mike Sato



BBA from UH Management & Marketing

Worked for Church's Chicken , Baskin & Robbins & Taco Bell

Sales for Procter & Gamble, Castle & Cooke Specialty Foods & The Ad Agency

West Oahu Jaycees President, Hawaii Jaycees VP Community Development, United States Jaycees 2nd place Write Up competition.

Bell Ringer for Salvation Army Hawaii division let me meet many old friends during holiday seasons.

Two kids, Nicole & Noelani. Two grandkids so far Maverick & Ethan. So much joy. Longtime girlfriend Sarah makes life more enjoyable.

Mahalo Keoki and Michelle!

Herb Keoki Schreiner



Herb here. I attended Chaminade in 77 where I met my future wife, Michelle, from Hong Kong. I left school to be a Carpenter in Fremont, CA. returning home to marry Michelle, on June 9, 1979. She retired in 2020 as the Office Mgr. for an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery practice. I joined HPD in 1980 & retired in 2012 as a Sergeant. We're celebrating our 47th Wedding Anniversary this June.

We have two sons, Nicholas (Const. Safety Mgr.) lives in Pearl City with his wife, Krystle (Nurse). They have a 17 year old girl, Aislyn, who's heading to WSU next year and a 5 year old boy, Xander, who loves LEGO. Brandon (DJ Owner & Soccer Club Mgr.) lives in Pullman, WA. with his wife, Keri (Pharmacist). They have a 12 year old boy, Luka, who loves computer games.

Michelle & I love to travel. We have season tickets to Hawaii football & M & W volleyball. Also the Diamond Head & Manoa Valley Theaters. We live/own in Hi Kai where I'm on the Hi Kai Neighborhood Board and our MVIII HOA. In 9 years coaching Kaiser Boys Soccer we won 6 OIA East champs and went to the states 7 times. Go Cougars. Aloha.

Deborah "Diva" [Kaaua] Schroeder



I've worked in the restaurant industry since my senior year of high school. I started at the Holiday Inn Waikiki Beach, now known as the Aston Waikiki. In 1982, I set sail for eight years aboard the S.S. Independence with American Hawaii Cruises. That adventure changed my life—it's where I met my husband, Stuart. After our marriage in 1990, we left the sailing life behind, settled down, and raised two sons.

Our older son, Marshall, is a Clinical Psychologist with his own practice in New Mexico. Our younger son, Dillon, is a Certified Public Accountant and has his own Tax firm on Honolulu.

In 1995, I joined Roy Yamaguchi and the Roy's Restaurants team at the Hawaii Kai location. I later opened Roy's Waikiki in 2007, where I am still proudly employed today.

When I'm not working, I'm traveling. So far I've explored South America, China, Europe, and Australia—and this summer I'll be heading to Africa for a safari adventure.

My favorite memories are of the wonderful group of friends I made during my freshman year in E Building. We still get together once a year and have remained close for over 53 years.

Left to Right: Chrissy Gilkey, Brenda Almadova, Jolyn Perry, Patti Barney, Jeri Kiriara, and Stacy Fernandes. Missing from the photo: Carol Hugo and Joyce Koki

Terry Shimabukuro



I met my wife, Ruby (McKinley '76), in the UH's mechanical engineering department and we married after graduation. We began our careers in San Diego where I worked at a navy research lab and, later, a medical device manufacturer. We came home after 14 years to raise our son in this special place where we grew up. Darien joined his high school robotics team as a sophomore and I volunteered as a mentor. I had so much fun that it became a second career for me as I continued mentoring after his graduation and beyond my retirement from my paying job. For recreation, I enjoy ocean kayaking including kayak fishing. I've circumnavigated O'ahu at least a couple of times in all my paddles.

My favorite Kaiser memory is working on our first place winning junior and senior year homecoming floats. Those intense two-day projects of constructing the frame, animating the characters, shaping chicken wire, folding paper flowers, painting, pulling all-nighters at the Shinjo and Masutani houses and cutting class the next day bonded our class like no other activity. The cougar from those floats was displayed in the school cafeteria for decades after we left.

Les Small



I attended USC for an undergraduate degree, then an MBA and an MFA. Loyola for law school.

I enjoyed a long career in commercial real estate as my day job, investing in biotech clinical start-ups as a side gig. Now biotech is the day job - but I'm semi-retired.

As for the important stuff - two kids, two grandchildren, and one ex-wife. Plus Five Hundred pounds of dog - two German Shepherds, a Bernese Mountain Dog and an Anatolian Shepherd. We reside, along with my long time sweetheart who rescues these pooches, in West Los Angeles.

Paul Soenksen



After our Kaiser graduation, I graduated from UH in December '83. Next was Hastings College of Law in 87'.

I enjoyed a general litigation practice as my first firm here, then landed at the Coates Frey & Hackett firm where I have focused on Family Law for just about 30 years now.

As practice began, I married Tracy, and we had two sons, Zachary ('97) and Nicholas ('99). We didn't stay married but co-parented effortlessly thereafter.

I continued with my lovely girlfriend, Cindy. The boys continued through high school here, college away and returned home. Both are Eagle Scouts. Zach is in management at Diagnostic Labs and Nick has finished his graduate work and has begun nursing at Queen's West. Zach is heading to law school. Both have brought me grandchildren, a boy and girl, Zaeden and Riley, born only three weeks apart and almost 4 years old. Joy!

Best Kaiser memories. Us surf guys sat at the rails by the cafeteria, talking of Sandy Beach. We often went, skipping class, and returning wet and leaving small puddles behind in the desk seats. Best memories are these reunions!

Leigh [Matsumoto] Sturgeon



It seems I've been a human ping-pong ball since 1990. Moved to Maui (where I met my hubby, Randal), then Davis, Las Vegas, back to Oahu, Rancho Cordova, Oahu again, Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Oahu hana hou, and finally Mexico—with a 5-month stint in Jackson Hole. Currently, we have embraced Mexico, having spent time in 7 towns/states so far. The people are wonderful and the cost-of—living: affordable.

Our vagabond life means living out of 1 suitcase, 2 carry-ons and 2 backpacks. Downsizing wasn't easy but it has been totally liberating. In 2027, we'll hang up the ping-pong paddles and look for our home base. It's been a roller-coaster ride to say the least: thrilling drops, wild turns, and plenty of loop-de-loops. Adventures, obstacles, scary moments, tragedies—Nietzsche nailed it: "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

A big THANK YOU/hug to everyone who has touched my life: my girl/guy friends (you all know who you are), those who helped Gail and me when we needed recruits/draftees, those in my classes who made it more fun, to our awesome Mrs. Main/Evangelista, and to those who reached out to me when my kid sister died. Your care and support meant a lot to mduring that difficult time. Until we cross paths again... take care,be well and stay safe!

Kim [Zane] Sugino



After I graduated from University of Hawai‘i I moved to Ithaca, NY where Mark attended law school at Cornell. After his graduation we moved to New York City where I went to St John's Law School. We have been living in the city ever since and raised 4 kids -- Kathryn, Amanda, Chris and Allison. Kathryn lives in VA with her husband and 4 kids. Chris lives in NJ with his wife who is a MidPac graduate (Hawai‘i girl!) and their daughter. Allison lives in NYC with her partner. Amanda and her husband (who is from NJ) got married on Maui and then promptly moved back to Hawai‘i and are living in Honolulu raising my grandson to be a local kid who's favorite thing to do is to dance the hula. Their daughter was just born this year so it's too early to know if she will also join a halau like her brother.

Memories of Kaiser? Remember our first season of football as Freshman? Losing games by 50 points but still having a blast. When we finally scored a touchdown it felt like a win!!

Jeffrey Taylor



I live in Utah with my wife, Kristy. We have 6 children and 14 grand children. A big ‘ohana!

After high school, I attended Eastern Washington University where I wrestled a lot on the wrestling team and did a little bit of studying as well.

After 2 years of college and wrestling, I served a mission in Samoa for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I can still speak Samoan with some fluency.

I met my wife to be a few months after my mission while attending Brigham Young University.

I graduated with an accounting degree and an MBA, both from BYU. Kristy received her teaching degree from BYU as well. I have worked selling environmental water treatment equipment for the last 30 years.,.

We lived, and raised our children, in the following places: Los Angles, CA - 1.5 years, Provo, UT - 4 years, Vancouver, WA - 12 years, Dubuque, Iowa - 7 years, Saratoga Springs, UT - 20 years, and counting

Shari [Lee] Teruya



I graduated from UH Manoa, worked for a private sector before ending up in the DOE working with high school students.

There are so many fond memories of Kaiser, but a few stand out for me: my earlier years riding the band bus to our away games, and our concerts in the cafeteria; the homecoming float all-nighter and having fun working on our American History Day.

Church, swimming, water exercise and walking keeps me busy. Life has been good. Blessed and grateful for a wonderful husband and 3 kids. God's Blessings to all of you, the Class of 1976!

Michael Timmons



Aloha friends! After my 3 years at KHS, I went to college in Los Angeles, where I've lived happily ever since. I have been married for 43 years, and I have a son and daughter-in-law who live nearby.

I earned B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Molecular Biology at USC, then I did 4 years of postdoc leukemia work at UCLA. For 25 years I did genetic engineering and biomedical research for the immunodiagnostics companies DPC and Siemens. Later I joined the start-up Beyond Meat, where I became a food scientist and co-invented plant-based foods. Now retired, I enjoy traveling, time with family and friends, and going to EDM festivals.

One of my fondest memories of KHS was teaming up with Sally Estes and Mary Markarian to videotape an interview with Neil Abercrombie, who was a newly elected State Rep. We didn't imagine that the hippieish man would go on to become Governor of Hawaii!

Other fond memories include "sparring" with Jeff Nunokawa in Laurie Wong's English Lit. class, my friend and prom-date Wendy Thatcher, and always wondering if Mike Meister was in some way related to Robert Plant.

Debbie [Zbin] Waitley



Aloha!

After graduation I had the opportunity to fly for Northwest Airlines (Delta). Very fortunate to have experienced cultures, customs, food, shopping and meeting people around the world. Traveling has been and continues to be the best education. 41 countries and counting!

Married, moved to Kona (home for 40 years) and raised my 3 children Dannah, Zane and Kellan. Blessed with 4 grandchildren.

Over the years I have had a diverse career, working as a CNA, teacher, Aloha Airlines ticket agent and banquet server at the Fairmont and Four Seasons Hotels. These days you will find me at Four Seasons, working breakfast shifts, pouring coffee and trying to remember the juice of the day!

On days off, I love spending time with family, traveling, swimming in the ocean and going to garage sales looking for that elusive mermaid to add to my collection.

Kaiser memories~

Volunteering in the cafeteria (onolicious shortbread cookies), track meets, occasionally cutting class with Mele for a Foodland donut run or surfing at Pillars/Point swim. Best memory, making lifelong friendships!

John Williams Jr



Aloha Everyone, we made it to our 50 year class reunion! After I graduated from high school, I was entertaining in Waikiki with the Country Living Band most of you know. Until my girlfriend and I decided to get married so I took the test for Honolulu Fire Department. The day I got accepted I also got hired on the spot at McCabe Hamilton and Renny the local Stevedoring Company that my dad was a part of for 52 years. Needless to say I took the job at the Stevedores and found myself working for Matson Terminals Shipping Company in Honolulu. I spent 35 years as a ship superintendent loading and unloading those huge container ships that bring in all our goods and things needed to survive living in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in Hawaii.

My marriage didn't last, however, I have 3 beautiful daughters and 6 grand children. My eldest grand daughter is attending University of Connecticut and is studying medicine. The rest are in high school. I'm currently retired after 35 years on the Waterfront.

Now by the grace of God I went back to entertaining by playing music around town at restaurants and clubs. My favorite Kaiser memories are playing my guitar at E building and in the cafeteria pep rally with Country Living.

Edsel Yamada



I am semi-retired attorney. I am married to Fawn and I have a daughter Tori, who is a Jr. at Brandeis University in Boston. I live across the street from that high school that we all despise, Kalani, despite that I am happy living there.

I have many great memories of Kaiser High, I attribute what success I have to my experiences at Kaiser. My best friends are still my classmates and although we may not see each other that often, I enjoy greatly our get togethers. I also enjoy hearing about other classmates and their journeys in life. I am truly blessed to be a member of the class of 76. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion and to share our great memories both old and new. Always proud to be a Cougar, Cougar for life!!

Owen Yamaguchi



Life has been a blast! Kona has been home since 1988, spending days fishing, hunting and even tennis! From Chief Engineer at the Royal Seacliff in Kona; to Ameritone Paint Sales; to running a small Omiyage Shop (Mixed Bag); to part-time teaching at Konawaena H.S. (Hawaiian Studies) & Kealakehe H.S. (Agriculture); to A+ Site Coordinator & School-to-Work Coordinator at Honaunau School; to Ho’oponopono Self-Identity Instructor; to Certified First Aid & CPR Community Educator—lots of aloha along the way!

Sherry and I have been puppy parents with (German Short Hair) hunting dogs, Poi & Poke, and low-riders (Mini Dachshunds) Koa, Lina, and Azuki. They kept us busy through the years and brought us much love and laughter.

Ongoing health issues have been a challenge ... heart surgeries and removal of gallbladder—now a walking poster boy for medical miracles. Still kicking, but taking it slow now. My newest hobby of processing Hawaiian medicinal plants (still growing along the way). Plus enjoying cooking, just “cheffing” around the kitchen these days.

Favorite Kaiser memory was meeting Sherry, my partner for life. And of course riding the waves with Vaughn, Kevin and Judd.

Sherry [Matsuo] Yamaguchi



Followed Owen to Kona in 1988, heartbroken after leaving my 9th grade Reading students at Kalakaua Intermediate School. Took me a couple years to get into the Kona country living, one traffic light and limited shopping and dining out options—what a challenge—lol! Now we actually have big box stores, multiple eateries and, yes, multiple traffic lights and even traffic! I really lucked out landing a teaching job at Honaunau School, the students were respectful, the families welcoming and my teacher colleagues and administrators were so supportive. Opportunities to continue learning came my way, earning a Master's in Secondary Reading and School Counseling Certification. Retired from the Hawaii Department of Education in 2014 (classroom teacher, school counselor, Complex Resource Teacher, School Assessment Liaison and State Data Coach)—phew, that's a lot of learning!

Since retiring I've had more time with Owen, our doggies, traveling a little (Honolulu, San Francisco, New York and Japan), playing tennis, practicing Tai Chi, learning Mah Jong and continue to do crafts (sewing, quilting and card making).

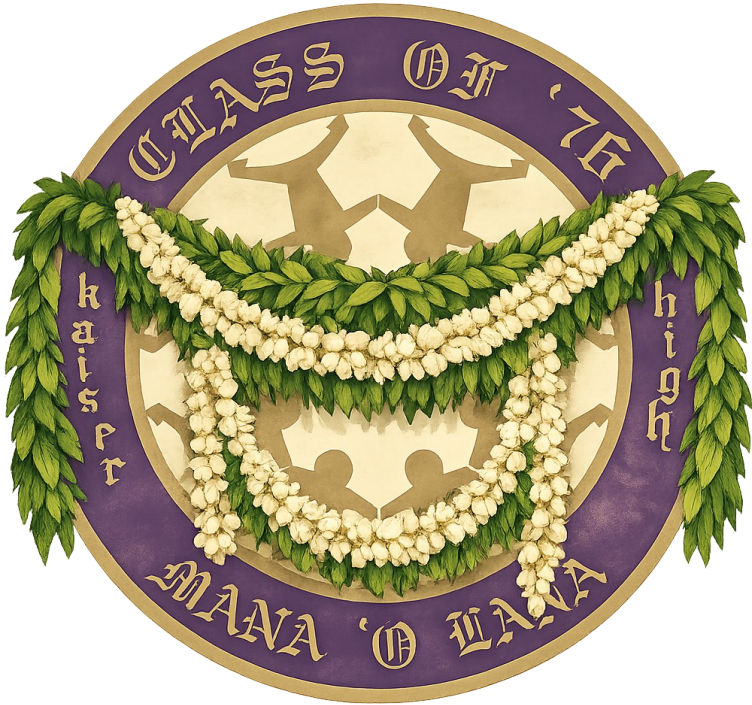
My favorite Kaiser memories: hanging with Owen of course, spending time with good friends, song leading at ballgames, drill team practices, Junior Dance Troupe performances and all our '76 class activities—those were the days!

Cha Cha [Baker] Yoshino



My favorite memory is about Mr. Von Arnswaldt..I took Driver's Ed, and he'd come pick me up Saturday mornings at 8am with the car....My mom would come out with a plate of fried rice or noodles for him..He'd wolf it down, then would jump in the back seat and go to sleep.. telling me, "just go where you like go"..So I'm cruising down Kal Hwy...no passenger.. STUDENT DRIVER sign on the roof...feet sticking out the back window...I went to Ala Moana Beach Park and creamed a park car, trying to teach myself how to parallel park..and quickly dug out without saying anything..I admitted it to Mr. Von later at a reunion..and he said, "I know" ...He was so cool.. those were fun times... BTW..I still can't park to save my ass 😊

Memorial



We remember our classmates who are no longer with us, but whose spirit will always be felt in our hearts

Mrs. Evelyn Evangelista



Evelyn E. Evangelista

May 17, 1945 ~ June 28 2018



Mrs. Evelyn Evangelista passed away on June 28, 2018 at the age of 73.

Our former class advisor had a temper that we quickly learned not to test in the classroom, but she will be remembered as a very caring and supportive teacher.

A few of us last saw her at Mrs. Main's husband's funeral. She looked good then and remembered our names. Mrs. Main said that she died of a heart attack shortly after returning from a trip to Las Vegas.

Mrs. Main also said that Evang often shared fond memories of our class with her. She taught for 41 years at Kaiser and Pearl City High. Mrs. Evangelista had a son, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Charles Baist



January 4, 1958 – December 10, 2016

Chuck was born in Weaverville, CA, but left as a toddler to be raised in Hawaii. He loved the islands, the beauty, people, culture and easygoing way of life, and that formed the basis for how he lived.

Drawn to the surrounding wonders of Lake Shasta, Chuck found his paradise in Redding and made a life here. He was at his absolute happiest being with his children, taking them out to appreciate nature, cheering them on at sports, or simply hanging out.

Chuck was one of those rare individuals who made every situation better when he was around. He was kind, thoughtful, selfless, generous and optimistic, and always went out of his way to make others feel comfortable.

Chuck truly cared. He always gave respect. He found compromise instead of creating conflict. He was a master at making conversation, but an even better listener. He always worked hard. He was happy right until heaven called. And he is missed by many.

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Curtis Lee



March 6, 1958 – October 1, 2010

After graduating from Kaiser High School, Curtis received his AA in Automotive Mechanics Technology and then his BS in Industrial Technology from Fresno State University. He worked as a Technician, Manager and Superintendent in the solar/heating, industrial controls and water industries.

Curtis was an avid road biker and car racer. He was also a Datsun 240Z expert. He played a key role in establishing, growing and perpetuating the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) autocross events in Hawaii to keep racing off the street and on the track. Even though he was a dominant racer, he was still well loved and respected among his racing peers. He even influenced his entire family to become active in the sport.

Curtis and Amy (Chang) were married in 1981 with one daughter and two grandchildren.

Bethe Cardin Levy



September 8, 1958 – September 21, 2022

A true linguaphile, Bethe's passion for French, German and Spanish took her across the globe, from the classrooms of her youth to immersive studies in Austria, Mexico and Spain. Her dedication to education was lifelong; after earning her Bachelor's and Master's degrees, she continued her intellectual journey at the Johns Hopkins Mind-Brain Institute, where she specialized in the science of spaced repetition.

The heart of Bethe's professional life was spent at The Key School in Annapolis, where she poured her soul into teaching Spanish and truly cherished every one of her students.

Outside the classroom, Bethe found peace and joy on the water. She and her husband raised two wonderful sons, Ben and Andy, along the shores of the West River. Whether sailing the Chesapeake Bay or enjoying the vibrant life of Annapolis, she remained deeply connected to the beauty of the Maryland coast.

Bethe's brilliance, wanderlust and devotion to her family and students remain an inspiring part of our class legacy.

Tribute by Bethe's older sister Minette Hoffmann-Moravek

Elizabeth Connell Meyer



February 16, 1958 – March 16, 2008

As a small girl, Elizabeth's front yard and playground was Queen Emma Square with its historic tree's huge roots her jungle gym. St. Andrew's Cathedral was her church home where she would follow after the Sisters of St. Andrew's Priory at any opportunity. Older, Liz was a self-motivated student, determined to achieve.

Graduating from Kaiser High School, she was an early admission student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with a degree in Psychology; Princess in the 1979 Hula Bowl Court. Liz proudly served Pan American Airways as an International Flight, Attendant, honored to be one of the crew on its first flight into China when the border opened. Kurt and Liz married in 1981, remaining in Honolulu where she continued with United Air Lines. She worked with director/husband Kurt Meyer to produce Special Programming projects for KHON-TV, among them the Men's and Women's Molokai-Oahu Canoe Races, in all earning nine regional Emmy nominations.

The Meyer family moved to the Spokane, WA, area in 1993 where their dream of Liz as an active stay-at-home mom to their five girls and two boys would come true. Liz had everything she wanted; their home filled with children, friends and pets. Best of all, Kurt and Liz were a lifelong love story.

Allen Millstein



Allen Millstein passed away unexpectedly on May 20, 2011 at the age of 52. Allen was a Starwood Hotels and Resorts sales agent married to Leni with a son, Davis.

Tony Lopez shared this remembrance of Allen:

"I found a picture of the large mural painted by Allen Millstein in the Kaiser High School cafeteria in 1975. I was one of Allen's three assistants for the month or so it took to finish the aerial view of Hawaii Kai and Koko Crater with Kaiser High on its base, the sunrise in the east, and Koko head, Moanalua Bay and the Pacific Ocean in the foreground. Still beautiful 36 years later. Allen we miss you and all of those great memories. Rest in Peace bruddah!"



Barbara Seibel



November 16, 1958 – May 28, 1975

Earle Shikada



Earle was born on February 16, 1958, to Takao and Jeanne Skikada in Honolulu. He was the middle child among his 3 siblings, which included Annette and Regan. Earle attended Manoa and Jefferson Elementary schools before his family relocated to Hawaii Kai. Here he attended Koko Head Elementary, Niu Valley Intermediate and then Kaiser High School where he graduated with us in 1976. It was at Kaiser that he romantically connected with his life partner Holly Matsuo (Class of '78). They tied the knot on August 4, 1984. They were blessed with two children, Chase and Cherisse. His children were his pride and joy.

Earle worked at Avis Car Rental for 25 years before moving on to the Honolulu Advertiser. Because of the merger between the two daily newspapers, Earle was unfortunately laid off. Following a recovery from acute arthritis. He intended to return to the work force. Unfortunately, being the dutiful son that he was, he was called upon to care for his ailing mother at home. It was shortly after that his own health issues accelerated. Sorrowfully, Earle succumbed to his health issues after a long hard-fought battle and we lost our friend and classmate on January 13, 2023, just shy of his 65th birthday.

Earle will be remembered for his booming loud voice and infectious laugh. Loyal to his friends and generous to a fault. He was known to never back down and could go toe to toe with the best of them. Where Earle was there was generally a party. By coincidence it was normally at his house. Unfortunately, we never got our second childhood in our retirement years. Maybe on the other side. Aloha Bruddah Earle!



Georgilyn Apuna

March 21, 1958 – September 17, 2016

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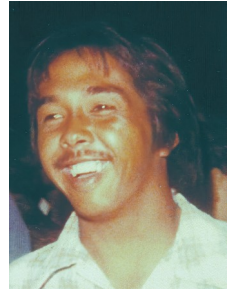
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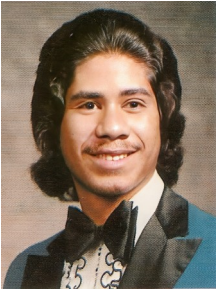


Matthew Dias

June 2, 1958 – November 1988

Ralph Exabe





Arthur Lum

March 26, 1958 – August 19, 1988



Michael Marohn

August 29, 1958 – November 12, 2017



Jeffrey Mason

January 28, 1958 – September 2, 2008



Thomas McCarthy

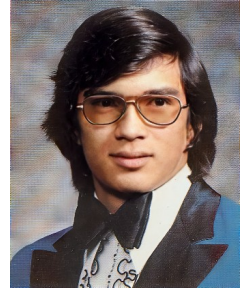


Gregory Myers

June 25, 1958 – April 2, 2008



Martin Nielsen



David Rawlins

December 20, 1957 – July 29, 1984



George Saffery

July 1958 – September 21, 2013



Brad Sherry

January 15, 1958 – August 15, 1989



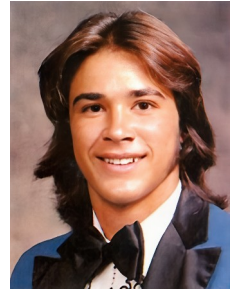
Laurie Teramoto

Died January 18, 2002



Ken Weir

Died April 6, 2022



Cary Weiss

April 11, 1958 – February 4, 1993



Jodean Yim Lopes

March 15, 1958 – July 5, 2025



Karen Young Tsukada

Died March 2020



Noel Yukawa

Died November 17, 2013



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