

# Building A Vibrant Community

## MORE SERVICES COMING TO KAPOLEI

What makes a community vibrant? That question will get as many different responses as the people asked. But in the end, the answers can be distilled down to the quality of life that makes any community a great place to live. In Kapolei, it's the social, cultural and civic aspects that are so enthusiastically embraced by its residents – and supported by the multitude of community-building services by businesses, organizations and institutions.

### **The growing non-profit sector**

Kapolei has attracted a number of “brand name” social and job training programs to the region. Not surprising, as a majority of their clients live in West Oahu and on the Waianae Coast.

### ***Easter Seals serves disabled***

In 2003, when the Department of Health asked Easter Seals to start an early intervention program in West Oahu for children with disabilities, they opened a temporary location. The need was so great that in two years, Easter Seals added two more temporary locations to meet the needs of well over 300 clients, who included the very young, teens and adults with disabilities including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism and spina bifida. It soon became clear that demand will grow even more as Kapolei's population increases. Easter Seals is in the process of building Napuakea, a permanent multi-purpose facility adjacent to St. Jude's Church in Kapolei, where they will be able to consolidate their services and start serving more than 500 people when they open for business in summer 2009.

*Napua McCue of Kapolei High School was one of 54 public and private high school students who participated in the second Lei O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival at Lanikuhonua.*



Kapolei Property Development and the James Campbell Company supported nine Kapolei and West O'ahu Schools for their technology needs and to seed Kapolei High School's Ho'ola Leadership Academy, the first academy in the state to incorporate Hawaiian cultural practices to promote academic achievement. Shown at the far left are Dave Rae and Brad Myers of Kapolei Property Development with the principals and school representatives.

### **Kroc Community Center largest of its kind**

The Salvation Army's Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in East Kapolei will be the largest facility of its kind in the state and will bring services closer to communities in the state's fastest growing region.

"The timing is right," said Major Phil Lum, project director. "As the population grows in leaps and bounds, we'll be ready to bring services to West Oahu families when we open in 2010."

### **Expanding educational opportunities**

A promising future starts with a strong educational foundation. Kapolei families have a choice of schools from public and private preschool through high school, including the private, independent Island Pacific Academy and the University of Hawaii – West Oahu.

#### **Island Pacific Academy**

Kapolei's first independent, college preparatory, non-sectarian school for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 is located next to the Kapolei Public Library. Island Pacific Academy (IPA) opened in 2004, with elementary and middle school programs, and added an upper school two years later. The school now has 660 students, and will graduate its first seniors in 2010.

In addition to its focus on academic achievement, IPA also places emphasis on "values that reflect the fundamental virtues of kindness and generosity of spirit."

According to Headmaster Dr. Daniel White, these values will help students to become responsible community citizens. "The goal of IPA is to prepare students with the confidence to assume that graduation from the school is not an end, but a key to all doors in their future."

#### **University of Hawaii – West Oahu**

Kapolei will have its own university town when the University of Hawaii – West Oahu (UHWO) moves from its temporary location at Leeward Community College to its permanent campus in East Kapolei. It also means that West Oahu students can forego the long commute to the university's Manoa campus to pursue a four-year college degree closer to home.

UHWO, which has a broad selection of four-year degree programs, currently accepts non-traditional students and high school graduates from surrounding public and private schools with more than 1,000 students enrolled for fall 2008. When the Kapolei campus is completed, UHWO will be able to expand its student body to 7,600 students.

### **Workforce job training**

In addition to schools, Kapolei will soon have two job training facilities that will cater to two distinct pools of workers. Goodwill's Ohana Career and Learning Center and the Hawaii Carpenters Union training center are scheduled to open in 2009 in the Kapolei Business Park.

### **Goodwill trains disabled and disadvantaged**

With one-third of its Oahu clients coming from the Leeward Coast, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii's Ohana Career and Learning Center will bring training classes, skill building, job placement and counseling closer to where they live. Goodwill earns most of its revenues from its retail stores, competitively bid social service contracts with government, and commercial service contracts. These funds support its mission of helping people with "employment barriers to reach their full potential and become self-sufficient." The Kapolei facility is expected to serve more than 1,600 West Oahu residents annually.

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*Kapolei Elementary students become archeologists for the day as they explore Hawaii's rich cultural and natural history at the Ziegler Preserve.*

**Carpenters Union trains apprentices and journeyworkers**

With several major projects in Kapolei under construction and in the planning stages, carpenters and drywallers can count on getting a large share of these construction jobs.

“Seventy percent of the work hours on a residential project and about 60 percent of other construction projects will go to carpenters and drywallers,” said Ron Taketa, financial secretary of the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

Journeyworkers start at a little over \$36 per hour, and these skilled jobs are in high demand. But getting to this level and beyond requires specialized training, which the union provides in its apprentice training program and journeyworker continuing education classes conducted mainly through Honolulu Community College.

“Because space is limited at HCC, we’re building a training center at Kapolei Business Park that will give us the flexibility to provide specialized training for general contractors who have immediate needs for certain skills,” said Edmund Aczon, the union’s community relations director/manpower specialist. “We’ll also focus on continuing education for journeyworkers who need to stay up-to-date with the latest technology and techniques.”

With nearly 3,000 apprentices moving up into the ranks of journeyworkers, the training center will be ready to help them keep pace with changes in the industry by upgrading their skills.



*Kapolei Property Development moved to preserve Ewa sinkholes by dedicating a six-acre parcel it owns near the James Campbell Industrial Park and naming it the Alan C. Ziegler Preserve, in honor of the prominent zoologist and conservationist who was among the first scientists to discover unique and extinct Hawaiian bird species at the site. Left to right: David Rae and Marjorie Ziegler with ‘Ahaui Siwila Hawai’i O Kapolei members Shad Kane, Kahu Kala Holden and Lance Holden.*

**Fostering civic and cultural life**

The term “giving back” may be a little overused, but every day in Kapolei hundreds of people give of themselves in ways that make life richer for the entire community – whether it’s through community service or the practice and sharing of culture and the arts.

**Outstanding achievement honored annually**

Among those who live or work in Kapolei, the achievements are many. For the last 19 years, the Kapolei Outstanding Achievement (KOA)

Awards have honored individuals, companies and organizations that have made notable contributions to the development and well-being of Kapolei. The awards program is sponsored by Kapolei Property Development.

**Young artists feted**

Each year, Kapolei is treated to an impressive display of the artistic talent of Leeward Oahu’s public school students in grades K-12. From the whimsical to the wildly abstract, more than 250 works of art made their way from 17 schools to the 2007 Annual



*The 2008 Kapolei Outstanding Achievement Award winners, (from left) James Matthew Stamm; Margarette Pang; Rich Griffin; Mike Rennebu; Michael Leskovec; and Charlene Teramoto, representing the 2007 Kapolei Sunset Festival Committee.*

Leeward Young Artist Awards competition sponsored by Kapolei Property Development in cooperation with the state Department of Education. The artwork of the 48 finalists was displayed in the lobby of Kapolei Hale, and at the close of the exhibit, the 10 winning entries were displayed in the James Campbell Company's student gallery.

### Lanikuhonua – a cultural haven

Lanikuhonua – “Where heaven meets the earth” – is the perfect name for this spectacular shoreline oasis at Ko Olina Resort. The outdoor retreat, which is owned by the James Campbell Company, is dedicated as a cultural institute to preserve and promote traditional Hawaiian culture.

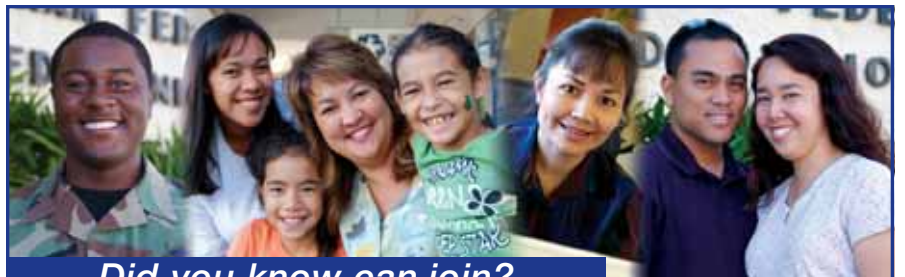
For the past 12 years, the Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute has sponsored Hawaiian studies classes for West Oahu elementary school students who come to learn about Hawaiian music, island medicinal plants, ancient games and cultural practices. More recently, Lanikuhonua has been the site of the unique Lei O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival. Co-sponsored by the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Institute, the festival brings together well-known kumu hula and public and private high school students on Oahu who are not members of a halau. The festival gives the students a rare opportunity to learn from masters of the hula in an all-day, non-competitive event.

### Supporting the community

For the past decade, the James Campbell Company and the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation have given a combined total of \$13 million primarily to programs that directly benefit the West Oahu area. In the belief that building a community is just as important as building a city, their focus has been on education, youth, Hawaiian programs and community building. ●



Kumu hula Sonny Ching shared his knowledge and love of hula with students during the day-long Lei O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival.



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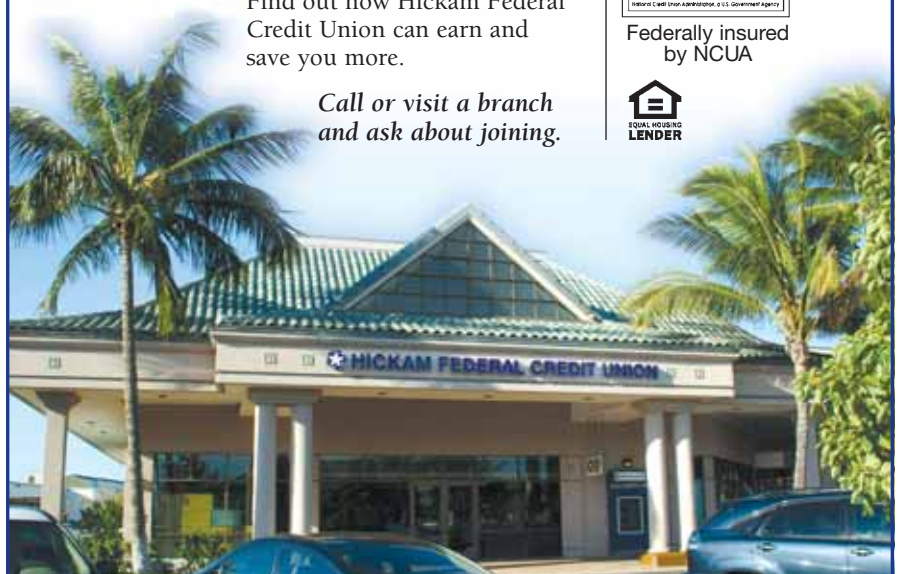
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## Al Nagasako

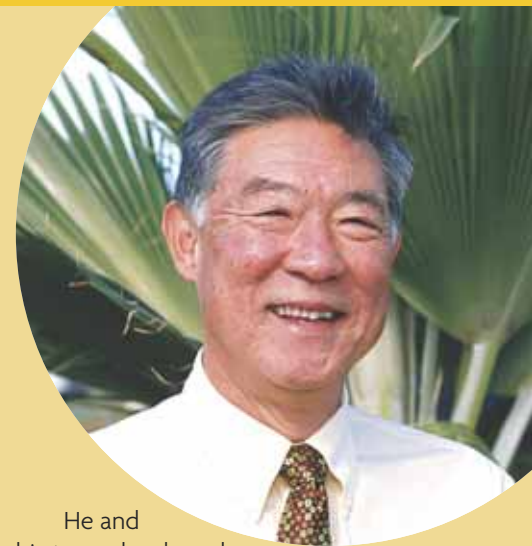
### Breaking Ranks:

#### *Leading Educational Reform*

**K**apolei High School opened in 2000 driven by a vision of reshaping high school as we know it into a student-centered, academically rigorous learning environment that accommodates individual learning styles while preparing students for future success. This model is based on the groundbreaking 1996 report, *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*, by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

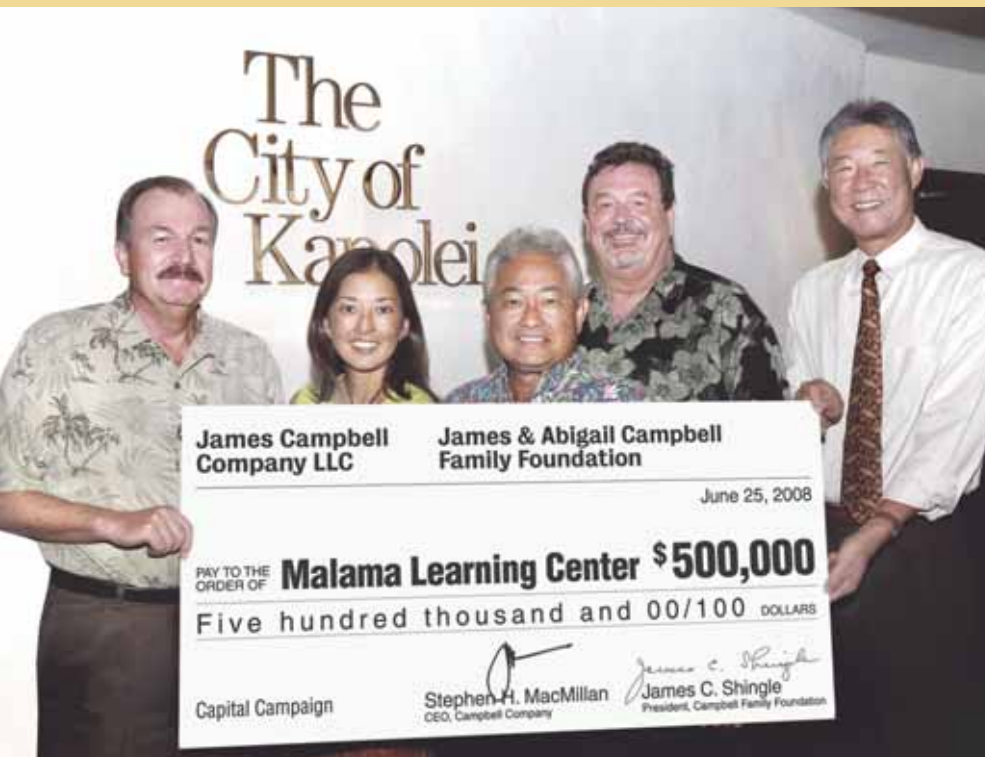
Since much of the model's success rests on visionary leadership, Kapolei High School needed a principal who could provide that leadership, not just for teachers, students and parents, but also for the community at large. Principal Al Nagasako has been at the helm since the school opened, and has been a force for innovation and forward thinking.

"We wanted to find ways to encourage and foster students' interests and talents through programs that match their learning styles," said Nagasako.



He and his team developed academies that focus on different academic disciplines. One of the academies, the UHM Seed Academy, is a highly innovative "bricks and click" accredited high school program of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Kapolei High School that allows students to take core courses online and hands-on project-based electives in science, technology, engineering and math on-campus at Kapolei High School. The Ho'ola Leadership Academy uses Hawaiian cultural practices for higher academic achievement and targets students with highly individual and unconventional learning styles. Another leading-edge project is the planned Malama Learning Center, which will be a living laboratory that combines art, science, conservation and culture to promote sustainable living throughout Hawaii.

"All of these programs would not be possible without our business partners who provide both real-life learning experiences for our students and financial support for our programs," said Nagasako. "Some of our biggest supporters are the James Campbell Company, the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation and Kapolei Property Development who not only fund our scholarships, technology needs and academic programs every year, but are quick to respond when we have special needs. For example, Campbell Company and Campbell Family Foundation gave us a joint grant of \$500,000 for the Malama Learning Center, and Kapolei Property Development provided \$40,000 in seed money for the Ho'ola Leadership Academy." ●



*Malama Learning Center received a generous pledge from the James Campbell Company and the Campbell Family Foundation. Pictured with Al Nagasako are, from left: Campbell Company CEO Steve MacMillan, Pauline Sato, Malama board treasurer; Lloyd Haraguchi, Malama board president; and Kapolei Property Development Senior Vice President David Rae.*

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