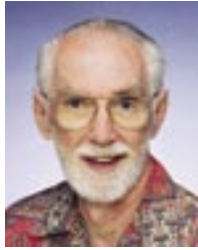


2005 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The UH Alumni Association celebrated these alumni honorees May 10 at the Sheraton Waikīkī.



Charles Araki



Elmer Botsai



Frederick Duennebier



Robert Hiam



Carole Kai Onouye



Jong-Wook Lee



Gary A. Okamoto



Ronald E. Bright

Distinguished Alumni Award

Charles Araki (BEd '57, PD '61) has served UH for more than 50 years as student-athlete, professor, dean and professor emeritus. Under his leadership, Mānoa's College of Education strengthened its commitment to training teachers and obtained national accreditation. He helped establish conflict resolution programs for UH and Hawai'i public schools and is a UH Founders Club member and athletic booster.

Elmer Botsai (ArchD '00) has co-authored six books on building technology and consulted with government and community organizations including the City and County of Honolulu and California Building Standards Commission. Professor emeritus and inaugural dean of Mānoa's School of Architecture, he is an American Institute of Architects fellow, past president and Medal of Honor recipient and an honorary fellow in the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand institutes.

Frederick Duennebier (MS '68, PhD '72) has been a Mānoa geology and geophysics faculty member for nearly 30 years, securing more than \$10 million in research grants for graduate education and seafloor observatories. His push for good coupling between seafloor seismometers and the ocean bottom improved the quality of data collected. He served on Apollo and Viking seismic teams, NASA's Mars Science Working Group and the National Science Foundation Steering Committee for Seafloor Cables.

Robert Hiam (BA '69) is president and CEO of Hawai'i Medical Service Association. He has served as a UH Alumni Association board member and UH Foundation trustee and played a leadership role in numerous community organizations, including Aloha United Way, Blood Bank of Hawai'i and Children's Discovery Center. He is also board chair for Pacific Health Research Institute, a board member of Tissue Genesis, Inc., and a member of the Hawai'i Business Roundtable.

Carole Kai Onouye (BA '66) is an entertainer and executive producer of *Hawai'i Stars Presents*. She is founder and co-producer of the Carole Kai Bed Race and co-founder of the Great Aloha Run, which has raised more than \$6.2 million for Hawai'i charities. She has also served on the boards of Carole Kai Charities, the Variety School, Girl Scouts Council, Coalition for a Drug Free Hawai'i and Aloha Week Festivals.

Jong-Wook Lee (MPH '81) is director-general of the World Health Organization. He is credited with polio eradication efforts that reduced the number of cases in the western Pacific region from 6,000 to 700. He also headed WHO's tuberculosis control activities and the Global Programme for Vaccines and Immunization. His goal is to get life-saving medicine to 3 million people suffering from AIDS in developing countries. (See profile, *Mālamalama* July 2003)

Gary A. Okamoto (BA '66) is president and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, an associate clinical professor in Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine and past editorial board member of the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He supported establishment of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health to promote quality research and education programs and served on a Kamehameha Schools advisory board.

UH Founders Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Ronald E. Bright (BEd '56, PD '57, MEd '73) completed 46 years as artistic director of the Castle High School performing arts center that now bears his name. Other honors include Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year, Father of the Year, Guardsman of the Year and Hawai'i's Living Treasure. He was named a Milken Educator of the Year and inducted into the National Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame.

These platinum partners salute the 2005 awardees



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Reconnect with UH alumni— Scholar-athlete Ka'aiali'i did

Current position: Mānoa Branch Manager, First Hawaiian Bank and president of the College of Business Administration Association of Alumni and Friends

UH degree: BA in communication '92, MBA '97

Family: Wife Barbara and daughter Kalei

Hobbies: Time with family, weight lifting, classic cars

Guilty pleasure: Food

Recent Achievement: Losing 10 pounds by getting back to the gym

As an undergraduate at Mānoa, Mitch Ka'aiali'i learned the importance of good communication in the classroom and the value of teamwork on the football field. The Letterwinners Club member then honed his business skills in the College of Business Administration. Now he's using all he learned at UH both on the job and as an alumni leader.

"The work I do with CBA Alumni and Friends and the UH Alumni Association is a chance to give back to UH," Ka'aiali'i says. "As a scholarship athlete, lots of people were really generous to me with their time and advice. Now I have a chance to get involved with UH and the community."

With an impressive new dean at the helm of the business school and an energetic team in place in the UH Foundation's Office of Alumni Relations, it's an exciting time to be involved, Ka'aiali'i says. See for yourself; join UHAA today.

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When you join the UH Alumni Association (application on reverse) you can choose from any one of the active alumni chapters listed below.

CAMPUS CHAPTERS

Association of Alumni and Friends of UH Hilo
 Association of Kaua'i CC Alumni
 Hawai'i CC Alumni Association and Friends
 Honolulu CC Alumni Association
 UH West O'ahu Alumni Association

UH MĀNOA CHAPTERS

Colleges of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association
 College of Business Administration Alumni and Friends
 College of Education Alumni Association
 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Alumni Association
 Department of English as a Second Language
 Dental Hygiene Alumni Association
 Engineering Alumni Association
 Alumni Association of the John A. Burns School of Medicine
 Nursing Alumni Association
 School of Architecture Alumni Association
 School of Library and Information Sciences Alumni
 School of Public Health Alumni Association
 School of Social Work Alumni and Friends
 Travel Industry Management International
 William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association
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UHAA-Las Vegas/Southern Nevada	UHAA-San Francisco Bay Area
UHAA-Los Angeles/Orange County	UHAA/EWCA-Florida
UHAA-Maui Club	

UH 'Ohana

UH Alumni Association celebrated its nearly 1,000 **Life Members** Mar. 2 at the Honolulu Country Club. Keynote speaker was Wahine Volleyball Head Coach Dave Shoji. The event marked the official launch of the new website, www.UHalumni.hawaii.edu. Alumni staff (from left, Emily Fay, Nico Schnitzler and Brandi Yasuoka) participated in UH Day at the State Capitol in January.



Hawaiian Islands

Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Neal Smatresk addressed the **Colleges of Arts and Sciences** Alumni Association at Honolulu's Pacific Club in February, emphasizing his priority on improving the student experience.

More than 200 gathered to honor **UH Hilo's** 2005 distinguished alumni including Sneha Sood '80 and Cheryl LeiAloha '87 (right). Their annual golf tournament to raise money for student scholarships was scheduled May 7.



Mānoa College of Business Alumni and Friends hosted a wine tasting at the Stan Sheriff Center. The event celebrated the arrival of the new CBA dean, Vance Roley.

In other scheduled spring events: a scholarship fundraiser brunch celebrated **UH Founders** Alumni Association President Hubert Everly's 90th birthday on Easter Sunday, 900 gathered for the **Mānoa College of Engineering** corporate dinner in April, and Sen. Daniel Akaka was scheduled to speak at the **Mānoa College of Education's** annual gala in May.

International

Hong Kong alumni met for dinner at the Harbour Restaurant in March. Proceeds supported Hamilton Library flood relief, adding to the nearly \$300,000 contributed by alumni chapters, groups and individuals around the world. Later in the week, Leeward Chancellor Mark Silliman joined **Cambodian** alumni for a dinner.

Mainland

Interim President David McClain dined with alumni chapter leaders in **Washington, D.C.** (UHAA-National Capital Region), **New York** (UHAA-East) and **Los**



Angeles (UHAA-LA/Orange County). (From left in New York: Jeanette Takamura, David and UHAA-East President Karen Liu with UHAA President Karl Fujii)

The **Las Vegas** chapter held its annual March Madness membership drive and a stew dinner celebrating Lei Day.

Campuses: UH Mānoa, Hilo and West O'ahu; Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapi'olani, Kaua'i, Leeward, Maui and Windward Community Colleges

2000s

Hwan Hee Jeong (LLM '04 Mānoa) is a new father to baby Andrew.

Bree Kurihara (JD '02 Mānoa) authors Imanaka Kudo & Fujimoto's newsletter special edition "Turning on the Tap: What Will it Take to Get the Waters Flowing?"

Traci Rei Garrido Morita (JD '03 Mānoa), part of the Honolulu public defender's office since July 2004, delivered her first oral arguments before the Intermediate Court of Appeals in State v. Brighter recently.

Stephanie Uechi (JD '04 Mānoa) has joined Imanaka Kudo and Fujimoto and will work in the firm's land use section.

Clinton Yamashita (BS '04 Mānoa) graduated with honors from the Starwood management trainee program and was promoted to guest services manager in January.

1990s

Shankar Aswani (MA '92, PhD '97 Mānoa), associate professor at UC Santa Barbara, is a 2005 Pew Fellow, the most prestigious award in marine conservation, based on his potential to protect ocean environments. Aswani will work over the next three years to establish a network of protected areas to preserve vulnerable species like the coconut crab and the sea turtle.

Mangmang Qiu Brown (MBA '94, JD '98 Mānoa), a Honolulu deputy prosecuting attorney, is in China this year with husband **Ron Brown**, a UH Mānoa law professor.

Shawn Ching (BA '91, MA '93, JD '03 Mānoa), evening news anchor for KITV News, also practices labor/employment law with Honolulu firm Lowell Chun-Hoon.

Cherie Chun Colmenares (BA '99 Mānoa) married **Serafin Colmenares III** (BS '99 Mānoa) in May 2004 and they live in Brookline, Mass.

Chase Darby (AS '89 Maui) is a tax accountant for Power User Group at CCH Tax and Accounting.

Lea Hong (JD '91 Mānoa), a UH Mānoa adjunct law professor and director at Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing, has been named Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year by Hawai'i Women Lawyers.

Keri Kolb (BA '95 Mānoa) was promoted to sales and loan officer in the Bank of Hawai'i's



channel sales development group, which handles all incoming customer service requests and telesales for the bank.

Rebecca Lester (BA '95 Mānoa) recently joined the Honolulu prosecutor's office.

Lane Hornfeck McKay (JD '98 Mānoa) is a director at Starn O'Toole Marcus and Fisher. She practices in commercial litigation and real estate related transactions and is the president of Hawai'i Women Lawyers.

Brennon Morioka (PhD '99 Mānoa), an engineer, was named deputy director of the state transportation department in December.

Sara Muraoka (BBA '92 Mānoa) has been promoted to director of marketing for Hawaiian Host.

Mia Nani M. Noguchi (BA '95 Mānoa) has been appointed director, Public Relations and Special Events, for the University of Hawai'i System. She previously worked at Honolulu public relations firm McNeil Wilson Communications.



Scott Simon (JD '98 Mānoa) joined Hawaiian Electric Company as associate general counsel.

Julie Tappendorf (JD '97 Mānoa) has been voted into partnership at law firm Holland and Knight, LLP in Chicago.

Hai Yuan (MS '97 Mānoa) is vice president for operations at Kona Bay Marine Resources, known for its shrimp brood stock.

Kimi Mikami Yuen (MA '99 Mānoa) was promoted to associate by PBR, one of Hawai'i's leading planning firms.



1980s

Fay Yokomizo Akindes (BA '81 Mānoa) was awarded the Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where she is an associate professor and was the keynote speaker for the December 2004 commencement.

Richard T. Bissen Jr. (JD '86 Mānoa) has been appointed to Hawai'i Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, subject to Senate confirmation.

Alex Brillantes, Jr. (MA '81, PhD '86 Mānoa) was appointed dean of the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines.



Chris Davis
Space shuttle engineer

Career: Project manager, Spaceport Engineering and Technology directorate, Kennedy Space Center

Roots: Moanalua Valley, O'ahu

UH degree: BS in mechanical engineering '83 Mānoa

Family: Girlfriend Monica; mother Dana; siblings Marc, Matt and Karen; Aunt Stella

Hobbies: Kung fu and reading

Favorite space book: *I Robot* by Isaac Asimov

Childhood aspiration: Architect and writer

Best thing about life in Florida: Living in an uncluttered, natural area that is near the beach

Chris Davis's first job was doing repairs at a Waimalu gas station. After graduating from UH, he worked on the P-3 aircraft for the Navy. Now he's working to get the space shuttle flying safely again. One of the teams he heads developed "shearography," an innovative technique that uses laser detection to ensure that foam doesn't come off the external tank during launch. Another team studies how debris impacts the shuttle's thermal protection tiles and how much damage the tile can tolerate. Davis's team won a Group Achievement Award in 2004 and he received NASA's Space Flight Awareness Award this year.

Davis calls joining the Kennedy Space Center staff in 1990 and receiving his MS from the University of Central Florida three years later a dream come true, but it's not his only interest. A volunteer with a Red Cross Disaster Assessment Team, he also trains and demonstrates kung fu with the Wah Lum Northern Praying Mantis Performance Team.

Alum presents Chanel at the Met

CHANEL, a major exhibition curated by Harold Koda (BA '72 Mānoa), continues at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through Aug. 7. The exhibition examines the history of Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel's Maison de Haute Couture 34 years after the death of the French orphan turned fashion authority.

"In creating a wardrobe for herself, Chanel invented an idea of the modern woman," observes Koda, who also co-edited *CHANEL*, the book accompanying the exhibition.

Koda, who was raised in 'Aiea, Hawai'i, has been curator-in-charge of the museum's Costume Institute since 2000, but he served as exhibition assistant and

co-mounted 12 noted exhibitions during previous affiliations. He also spent stints as a Sotheby's rare book administrator, *Spy* magazine editorial consultant and Fashion Institute of Technology curator and director and is a two-time recipient of Council of Fashion Designers of America awards. In addition to his UH studies in English literature and art history, he attended New York University and earned a master's in landscape architecture from Harvard.

Koda's exhibitions and books have examined body-transforming fashion, explored Orientalism and classical influences and chronicled the work of Armani, Dior, Adrian and others. Chanel, he says, "remains synonymous with uncompromising refinement and seductive flair."

See www.metmuseum.org for information on the exhibition or book.



Larry Foster (JD '81 Mānoa) will become president of the East-West Center international alumni association, the East-West Center Associates, on July 1.

Bruce Kim (BS '86, MS '88 Mānoa) is chief technology officer for Inovaware.

Linda Martell (JD '87 Mānoa), **Alvin K. Nishimura** (JD '85 Mānoa) and **Shawna J.**

Sodersten (BBA '88, JD '91 Mānoa) have been appointed per diem judges by Hawai'i Chief Justice Ronald Moon. Sodersten is also an adjunct professor in the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Michael Nauyokas (JD '89 Mānoa) works as an attorney, mediator and arbitrator in Colorado.

Clifford Sanchez (BS '81 Mānoa), who lives and works in Los Angeles, received a new sedan for his 24 years of dedicated service to education.

Alan Susumu Shiroma (BS '86 Mānoa) received an MA in lay ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2004.

Laurie Tochiki (JD '80 Mānoa) and **Dawn Slaten** (JD '84 Mānoa) were given Founders awards by EPIC Ohana Conferencing. Lt. Gov. **Duke Aiona** (JD '81 Mānoa) gave the keynote address at the ceremony.

Michael G. Wright (BBA '83 Mānoa) is a senior vice president of Alexander and Baldwin's wholly owned real estate development business, A&B Properties, in charge of real estate acquisitions and investments.

1970s

Patricia Blanchette (BA '74, MD '79, MPH '79 Mānoa) is one of 10 individuals nationwide to receive the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's 2005 Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" award. A past UH Distinguished Alumni awardee, she is professor and chair of the Department of Geriatric Medicine and founder of the geriatric medicine fellowship program at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Gregory C. Chun (BA '77 Hilo; MA '84, PhD '94 Mānoa) is president and general manager of Bishop Holdings Corp., which is responsible for implementing Kamehameha Schools' strategic plan for Keauhou Resorts.

Chiyome Leinaala Fukino (MD '79 Mānoa) is director of the Hawai'i State Department of Health.

Rochelle Lee Gregson (BA '75 Mānoa) was named chief executive of the Honolulu Board of Realtors.

Randy Y. Hirokawa (BA '75 Mānoa) of Hanapēpē, Kaua'i, returned to Hawai'i from the University of Iowa, where he was a professor and chair, to become dean of the



College of Arts and Sciences at UH Hilo in January.

Kathleen Kano (BS '79 Mānoa) was promoted to executive vice president of Atlas Insurance Agency.

Ernie Libarios (MEd '72 Mānoa) was named to America's *Who's Who Among Teachers*. He's a professor in counseling and advising at Leeward Community College.

Rob Miller (BEd '76 Mānoa), is district sales manager with Bayou Steel Corporation in Louisiana. He and his wife Patricia, whom he met while attending UH, have two sons now in college.

Ira Nepus (BEd '77 Mānoa) is a jazz musician now working live shows in Los Angeles. He played for the opening of the Tokyo Disneyland as well as in Israel and all over California.

Greg Reuter (MFA '73 Mānoa) is professor of sculpture at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi.

Terry M. Ryusaki

(BS/BA '79 Mānoa) was appointed CEO of Cybios, a biotech company in San Diego commercializing tissue engineered products using stem cells from juveniles and adults.

He also serves as board chairman of the Arthritis Foundation (San Diego Area Chapter) and a trustee for the national Arthritis Foundation

Ron Terry (BA '79 Hilo) an environmental consultant, was named to the Mauna Kea Management Board in November.

Kent Tsukamoto (BBA '78 Mānoa), past president of the UH Alumni Association, was promoted to managing partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers in January.

1960s

Saleem Ahmed (PhD '65 Mānoa) is the author of *Beyond Veil and Holy War: Islamic Teachings and Muslim Practices with Biblical Comparisons*. He is a senior fellow at the East-West Center.

Jeanne Hiroshige (BA '66 Mānoa) has been promoted to director of human resources at Hawaiian Host.

Jan A. Krancher (BS '67 Mānoa) has compiled and edited a book titled *The Defining Years of the Dutch East Indies, 1942-1949*.

Evelyn McConathy (BA '68 Mānoa) has joined



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the law firm of Drinker Biddle and Reath in Philadelphia.

Kenneth Taira (BBA '65 Mānoa) was appointed as Hawai'i's chief negotiator by Gov. Linda Lingle.

1940s

Daniel B. T. Lau (BA '41 Mānoa), co-founder of Finance Factors was named Hawai'i's outstanding older worker by Experience Works. At age 85, he is still working as company chair and secretary.

1930s

Douglas T. Wada (BA '37 Mānoa) was among the small number of Nisei who put their language skills to work during World War II, and the only one in Naval Intelligence, following recruitment to intelligence while in his senior year at UH.



In Memory

John L. Canup (MA '75 Mānoa), a history professor at Texas A&M University, passed away in February.

Bertell "Bert" D. Davis (PhD '90 Mānoa), respected Hawaiian archaeological preservationist, died Jan. 16. He was best known for his 1970s work on the Barbers Point area.

Nainoa K. Hoe (BBA '00, MBA '03 Mānoa), U.S. Army Pacific Reserve first lieutenant, was killed Jan. 22 while on foot patrol in Mosul, Iraq. Married in June to Emily Hoe, the karaoke oldies fan was 27 years old.



Francis Ikenaga, UHAA-San Francisco Bay Area chapter member and supporter for more than 14 years, died Feb. 9. Ikenaga played a leading role in the chapter's annual scholarship luaus from 1992 to 2003.



Bernice Elama Kanahele, renowned language educator and founder of the Hawaiian language immersion movement on Kaua'i, died Jan 16 at age 49. She attended Kaua'i Community College and UH Mānoa.

Yasunobu C. Kesaji, (BA '41 Mānoa), a well-known Maui social worker and community and church leader, died Jan. 2.

Douglas Haig Logan ('38-'40 Mānoa), a former Rainbow Warrior, died Sept. 6 at age 85. He retired as chief investigator of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office in California.

Lorraine "Lorrie" M.

Mortimer, wife of former UH President Kenneth Mortimer, passed away Feb. 4 in Bellingham, Wash. She played an active role as UH's first lady and on the boards at Honolulu Academy of Arts and the Hawai'i Food Bank.



Ward F. Olsen (JD '79 Mānoa) passed away recently.

Salam Khalid Tamimi

(BA '76 Hilo) died June 22, 2003, in Jordan. Tamimi was a retiree of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and a volunteer art teacher at Princess Haya's Center in Amman.



Milford Sound, NZ



Photo courtesy of Danny Yee

Fall tour goes down under

Join the UH Alumni Association's Beauty and Wonder Down Under tour of New Zealand and Australia Oct. 19–Nov. 3. The itinerary includes Auckland's maritime history, Queenstown's glacier-carved landscape, Milford Sound's fairy-tale scenery and Christchurch's colonial heritage. Visit living museums depicting Maori culture and mythology. Close with three-night stays in Cairns, with an excursion to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, and historic Sydney. As tour leader, Mānoa Emeritus Professor of Geography Peter Pirie revisits his homeland and shares his expertise in New Zealand and Australia population and demographic studies, including the effects of human interaction with tropical ecosystems. For information, contact Kevin Takamori, Alumni Relations, toll-free at 1-877-UH-ALUMS (1-877-842-5867) or by email at kevin.takamori@uhf.hawaii.edu.

UHAA Activities

Online registration and details for all UH Alumni Association-related events at www.UHAlumni.hawaii.edu

May 20–21 Colleges of Arts and Sciences Reunion (1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985 and 1995). Call 808 956-4051 or 808 956-5790 or visit www.artsci.hawaii.edu/alumni.

May 21 Las Vegas Chapter Golf Tournament, with players from Mānoa's College of Engineering chapter flying in for the event, Palm Valley Golf Course, Sun City, Summerlin. Contact Ben Racelis at 702 796-9912 or write 3629 Laguna Verde Way, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

June 17 UH Alumni Association event in Hong Kong. Contact alumnews@hawaii.edu or 1-808-956-2586 for information.


Oct. 15 Homecoming football game versus New Mexico State. Homecoming week activities to be announced; watch www.UHAlumni.hawaii.edu

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uniformly to every state, even though microbes behave differently in tropical climates, he points out.

"We were able to convince the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to fund the Pacific Research Center for Marine Biomedicine at Mānoa, one of four Ocean and Human Health Centers across the country," he adds. Its mission includes prevention of water-borne diseases. Fujioka also developed a monitoring plan and trains Board of

Water Supply laboratory staff to rapidly detect changes in drinking water that could signal contamination by terrorists.

Other water-preservation efforts by UH faculty include safe operation of water-catchment systems in areas not hooked up to a public utility. Ultimately, all appreciate the sentiment expressed by American anthropologist Loren Corey Eiseley: "If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." 

Jennifer Crites (AA '90 Windward, BA '92 UHWO) is a freelance writer/photographer in Honolulu

For the Sogis, internships repay an educational debt



Mānoa students gain career and life experience thanks to the generosity of UH Distinguished Alumnus Francis and Sarah (BA '45 Mānoa) Sogi, whose foundation finances summer internships at museums on both coasts and a major law firm in New York City.

“Education established the basis from which Sarah and I were able to realize so much more than we had ever dreamed,” Sogi says. They initially established the Sogi Foundation to provide college scholarships to Big Island graduates from Konawaena and Kealahou High Schools. “It is no more difficult for students from Kona to get into college than those from other parts of Hawai‘i,” but a rural community can have greater need for financial support, he explains.

Born in 1923 to Japanese immigrants, Sogi grew up on a Big Island farm and graduated from Konawaena High School. Three months after he enrolled at Mānoa, World

War II intervened and his ROTC unit was called to active duty. When soldiers of Japanese ancestry “were summarily dismissed when we were classified as enemy aliens,” he volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service to prove his loyalty. He later completed a UH business degree, moved to New York (where his high school sweetheart was an occupational therapy scholarship student at Columbia) and earned a law degree at Fordham University in 1952. The Sogis married and he practiced corporate and international law with New York’s Kelley Drye and Warren, spending three years as a foreign lawyer in Japan. Upon his retirement as life partner after five decades, the couple returned to Hawai‘i in 1996.

...to “give back to a society that has been good and generous to us.”

The internships “give back to a society that has been good and generous to us,” he says. Since 1989, a Mānoa arts and sciences student spends the summer working at the Japanese National Art Museum in Los Angeles. Several former interns now work in museums. The \$225,000 Francis Y. Sogi and Sarah M. Sogi Asian Pacific American Studies Fellowship allows Mānoa ethnic studies majors to earn college credit while training and studying in the Smithsonian Institution’s Asian American Studies Program. The newest internship places a third-year UH law student in the summer associate program at the 400-attorney Kelley Drye firm. In 2004, students ranked it best among more than 150 firms nationwide, melding experience in a major international practice with life in a large, mainland city.

“Students bring back a broader vision of the future, and it will be good for the future of Hawai‘i,” Sogi says. “We hope to continue with grants and scholarships for education and research aimed at a better understanding of Asian Americans in our country, as well as for the betterment of students in Hawai‘i.”

by Vicky Jocson, an External Affairs and University Relations intern