

2006 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The UH Alumni Association celebrates these alumni for outstanding contributions to their professions, community and university on May 18 at the Sheraton Waikīkī



Thomas Kaulukukui Jr.



Samuel Koide



Patricia Y. Lee



Robert G. F. Lee



Seiji Naya



Kent Tsukamoto



Victor Yano



Genoa Keawe

Distinguished Alumni Award

Thomas Kaulukukui Jr. (JD '77) was the first William S. Richardson School of Law alumnus to become a circuit court judge. An activist for Native Hawaiians, he is chair and managing trustee of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust. He has also served on the boards of several local non-profit organizations.

Samuel Koide (BS '45) produced foundational reproductive biology research instrumental to many of the breakthroughs in human fertility regulation. His international research collaborations include publication of more than 300 scientific papers. Koide strives to improve secondary schools in New York and is a nationally ranked long distance runner and triathlete in his age group.

Patricia Y. Lee (BA '65, JD '79) is an accomplished trusts and estates attorney at the law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn and Stifel. Honorary consul of France in Honolulu, she holds a doctorate in French and was recently awarded the *Ordre National du Mérite* by the French government for her service to the French community in Hawai'i. Lee has served UH in various capacities, most recently as chair of the Board of Regents.

Robert G. F. Lee (BS '71, MBA '83) built impressive civilian and military careers. In 2004 he was promoted to major general, the highest rank in the Hawai'i National Guard. He serves as Homeland Security advisor to the governor and director of the Hawai'i Civil Defense, as well as a board member of several charities, including the American Red Cross Hawai'i Chapter.

Seiji Naya (BBA '58) has been extensively involved in international economics for more than 40 years. Abroad, he served as a visiting professor at Thammasat University in Thailand and chief economist of the Asian Development Bank. At home, he served as director of Hawai'i's Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. A UH emeritus professor, he serves as distinguished visiting senior fellow at the East-West Center.

Kent Tsukamoto (BBA '78) is a leading authority in taxation and managing partner of the Honolulu office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. A strong advocate for UH, he is the UH Alumni Association's only two-term president and a 1994 Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Business Administration. Other volunteer activities include work with the St. Louis School and the Blood Bank of Hawai'i.

Victor Yano (BS '74, MD '78) is the minister of health for Palau. The first Palauan physician to return home to work, he established the Belau Medical Clinic, prompting the government to improve the public healthcare sector. He was a driving force in development of the Pacific Basin Medical Association to support medical practitioners in the region.

UH Founders Lifetime Achievement Award

Genoa Keawe is lovingly known as Hawai'i's admired Lady of Song for her gentle presence and strong falsetto—her trademark for half a century. She has recorded more than 20 albums and 150 singles with her group Genoa Keawe and Her Hawaiians. "Auntie Genoa" was recognized by the National Endowment for the Culture and Arts and inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in 2000 and awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters from UH last year.

UH 'Ohana

Hawaiian Islands

UH Alumni Golf Club members played at Hickam Golf Course–Māmalama Bay on Feb. 8.

West O'ahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni shared his vision for the campus in Kapolei at the **UHAA** Member Luncheon, and Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Research Gary Ostrander discussed recent research breakthroughs at an April alumni reception.

At Mānoa, Interim Chancellor Denise Eby Konan spoke at the **Colleges of**



Arts and Sciences Alumni Association spring breakfast. ABOVE: Sheraton employees and other **Travel Industry Management** alumni and friends helped paint the interior of George Hall as part of the school's 40th anniversary activities. **College of Business Alumni and Friends** tasted more than 75 different wines at the Executive Vineyards Wine Tasting in the Stan Sheriff Center. **School of Architecture Alumni Association** held its annual benefit at the Ramsey Museum in Honolulu.

UH Hilo alumni and friends honored Gregory Chun, Henry Lee Loy, Jim Melody, Robert Fujimoto and Dwight Takamine at its Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet.

International

UHAA launched the **UHAA-Korea** chapter Mar. 28 in Seoul. Mānoa Chancellor Denise Eby Konan, UHAA Executive Director Kevin Takamori and UH Foundation President Donna Vuchinich welcomed chapter members to the inaugural reception.

Mainland

The **College of Business** held spring events for alumni and friends in New York and California. **Colleges of Arts and Sciences's** travel tour celebrated spring in Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; Virginia and South Carolina.

BELOW: **UHAA-East** members toured the Marquesas Islands exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art curated by Mānoa alumnus Eric Kjellgren (MA '92, PhD '99). **UHAA-Las Vegas's** Eighth Annual Membership Stew Dinner featured Jean Ariyoshi, former first lady of Hawai'i.



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Patricia Lee

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Dining

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Before you go, join UHAA for a lecture on prehistoric and medieval art by Leeward CC Professor Barbara Saromines-Ganne and a wine tasting with Master Sommelier Chuck Furuya

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Finding their niche

Alumni on two sides of the Pacific have found success by identifying niche markets.

In Hawai'i, licensed physical therapist **Robert Makiya** (AS '84, AA '95 Honolulu; BS '97 Mānoa) founded SLR Therapy Services to provide physical and occupational therapy house calls. At the rehabilitation facility where he worked, families described the challenge of getting parents to outpatient clinics and asked if he could continue helping them at home. Makiya is convinced that the comfort of a familiar environment and involvement of family members make many patients more receptive to treatment and more likely to continue exercises on their own. His company specializes in service to the geriatric community, including balance, strength and endurance training, management of back pain and orthopedic surgeries, self-care and caregiver training. Contact him at 808 732-4288.



Maile Inagaki (BA '00 Mānoa) imports a bit of Hawai'i to the Rocky Mountains. Her Little Grass Shack Hawaiian Boutique (www.spreadingaloha.com/index.htm) in Denver sells authentic lei, including orchid, tuberose, maile, ti leaf and kukui nut. The one-time blackjack dealer and sushi chef developed a business plan in a community college course and began importing lei from Hawai'i and teaching lei making. The large number of Hawai'i students attending Colorado colleges make the garlands a popular item for local graduations, and the luau is a popular theme for restaurant events and corporate parties, Inagaki says. She offers wedding services too. "I'm definitely providing something you can't find at Wal-Mart," she told the *Denver Business Journal*. This spring, the shop introduced shave ice to Coloradoans. "Most people here have only tasted sno cones; hopefully, once they've experienced shave ice, they'll be back for more," she says.



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

1950s

Owen Miyamoto (BS '50 Mānoa) received the Citizen Engineer Award for 2005 in recognition of his accomplishments in the area of public service. He is the retired administrator of the Airports Division of the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation and a lecturer at Honolulu Community College.

1960's

Odetta (Ululani) Fujimori (BEd '62, PD '63 Mānoa) has been inducted into the McKinley High School Hall of Honor for her contributions to education in Hawai'i as a teacher for 30 years and the first president of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. She was the first Asian American elected to the executive committee of the National Education Association.

Karen (Mendyka) Huff (BEd '65 Mānoa) and Emil Pawlik announce their marriage on April 2, 2005, at the Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston, Ill. They live in Jackson, Miss. Emil and Karen enjoyed one of two honeymoons in Hawai'i, where they competed in the National Masters Track and Field Competitions at Mānoa. Emil won four gold medals and a silver while Karen won silver in the javelin and bronze in the shot put.

May Leiko (Togo) Imamura-Uruu

(BEd '62, PD '65 Mānoa) has retired from teaching from Waipahu Elementary School after 35 years of Department of Education service. On June 11, 2004, Kamehameha Day, she married Lawrence "Larry" Uruu of Aiea. All of couple's five children are UH graduates.



Gregory Pai (BArch '67, BA '67 Mānoa) is retired from his job as director of Office of State Planning and the governor's special assistant for policy development under Gov. Cayetano. He spends much of his time fixing up an old house, indulging in art and music and teaching and studying the art of meditation.

1970's

Stephen Alexander (MSW '76 Mānoa) is assistant director for Adoption Journeys, a statewide post adoption support program in Massachusetts.

Sondra Dockham-Leong (MSW '77 Mānoa) is the regional coordinator for the Counseling and Advocacy Program at the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center.

Lloyd M. Fujie (BBA '71, MBA '73 Mānoa) recently accepted a position at Hawai'i Pacific University as vice president/chief financial

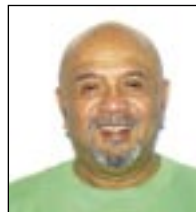
officer. He worked for 32 years at Deloitte & Touche LLP as a certified public accountant.

Melvin Gionson (BA '77 Mānoa) works at Columbia University as the assistant to the acting vice president of facilities management. Still acting, he recently completed a production of *Ivanov*.

Roberta Wong Leung (BBA '70, BA '71 Mānoa) is dean of the Shunde Polytechnic, Foshan School of Hotel and Tourism Management in Guangdong, China. She was inducted into the Mānoa's TIM Alumni Hall of Fame in 1993 and was one of 75 Outstanding UH Rainbow Award Alumni.



Ernest D. Libarios, Sr. (MEd '72 Mānoa) was included in the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He has previously received Mānoa's Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award.



Victor Lim (BBA '73, MBA '75 Mānoa) is the owner/operator of a McDonald's franchise, with seven locations in Honolulu. He is the vice president and board member of the Organization of Chinese Americans, Hawai'i Chapter.

Lynn (Ziemianski) Maunakea (MSW '79, MBA '05 Mānoa) accepted a position at Kamehameha Schools as executive director of the Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation, a non-profit, educational support organization. For the past eight and half years, she served as a public advocate for Hawai'i's homeless as the executive director of the Institute for Human Services.

John Penebacker (BA '73 Mānoa), special assistant to Hawai'i's state librarian, was honored at the Hawai'i State Library on his retirement from the library system. He served for nearly 18 years as a legislative library advocate under three state librarians.

Robert "Mick" Minicola ('75-'76 Leeward) is regional vice president of operations for HTH Corporation, overseeing daily operations at Pacific Beach, Pagoda and King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotels. He joined HTH in 2003 as regional general manager, with more than 20 years of experience in multi-property hotel management for U.S., Marshallese and Japanese owners.



Alvin Tomita (BBA '72 Mānoa) recently became the new deputy fire chief of the Honolulu Fire



Nancy McMahon

Archaeologist, rodeo cowgirl

Career: State archeologist

UH degrees: BA '81, MEd '88, MA in anthropology '90 Mānoa

Roots: Denver

Family: Son Jeremy, 9 horses, 10 cows, 5 dogs, 6 parrots

Sports: Helped launch Rainbow Wahine softball as assistant coach; started professional women's tackle football in Hawai'i and was invited to play at the Orange Bowl

Best thing about UH: Good cultural experience. "It was interesting being in a class of more than 100 people and being the only white person."

Blame it on extreme weather. The harrowing experience of being stuck in her car in the middle of a blizzard convinced Denver native Nancy McMahon to attend UH Mānoa. After graduation, she commuted between O'ahu and Kaua'i for work until getting "stuck" on the Garden Isle after Hurricane Iniki and deciding to make it home. An archaeologist for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division, McMahon works to preserve historic sites. The position involves a lot of paperwork but also has its perks. "I get to see parts of this island that many people have never seen and will never get to see." By foot, kayak and helicopter she ventures into remote areas to survey burial sites, heiau, terraces and other archaeological finds.

McMahon also conducts Hummer Tours of Kaua'i, archaeological tours of Kaua'i's south shore. Five years ago she "started hanging around the rodeos here because I wanted to learn to ride more." She now presides over the Kaua'i All Girls Rodeo Association, as well as running barrels, roping and tying up goats. —by Kristen Bonilla

UHAA Activities

More at www.UHAlumni.hawaii.edu.

May 12 UHAA Army ROTC Reunion at Hickam Air Force Base. Contact Ed Gayagas, 808 486-2153.

May 18 UHAA Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, Sheraton Waikiki Ballroom. Contact brandi.yasuoka@uhf.hawaii.edu.

May 19 School of Architecture Alumni Association's Endowed Scholarship Golf Tournament, Hickam Golf Course—Māmala Bay. Contact henniger001@hawaii.rr.com.

May 24 Leeward CC Great Museums of Europe Study Abroad Tour departs. Contact bsg@hawaii.edu.

June 4 College of Business Alumni and Friends brunch at Saddle Peak Lodge in Malibu Hills, Calif.; \$20. RSVP by May 31 by email, cbaalum@hawaii.edu.

June 24 School of Architecture Alumni Association General Membership Meeting and Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Contact whitegingerlei@aol.com.

July 15–16 UHAA Los Angeles/Orange County chapter hosts a booth at the 28th Annual Ho'olaulea. Contact jrowe@ocregister.com.

Aug UHAA Los Angeles/Orange County chapter Fifth Annual Summer Send Off and Picnic. Contact jrowe@ocregister.com.

Sept 9 UHAA National Capitol Region Chapter alumni reception at Wolf Trap Center's Faces of America Hawai'i concert in Vienna, Va. Contact Kevin.takamori@uhf.hawaii.edu.

Sept 11–22 UHAA Travel Study Program Art, Wine and Cuisine in Dordogne and Provence. Contact Kevin.takamori@uhf.hawaii.edu.

Oct 13 UHAA Golf Tournament at Kapolei. Contact Kevin.takamori@uhf.hawaii.edu.

Dec 9 UH International Alumni Reception in Hanoi, Vietnam. Contact Kevin.takamori@uhf.hawaii.edu.

Department. He was previously the assistant fire chief and has been responsible for the HFD's budget and labor and union issues since 1998.

Anna Viggiano (MA '76, PD '94, MEd '03 Mānoa) is the standards resource development specialist at Hawai'i's DOE. She is hosting a series on standards-based education. She has a daughter at University of Notre Dame and a son at Punahou School.

Ellen (Boggs) Wilhite (BA '79 Mānoa) put her degree in theatre and dance to use—most recently in a production of *Steel Magnolias*.

1980's

Kimberly Bevers (BA '86 Mānoa) has been working as an actress in the United Kingdom for the past 17 years. She attended Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

Melissa (Celebrado) Bojorquez (BSW '87 Mānoa) has been a case management supervisor at HMSA for 14 years, with a special interest in geriatrics. She is president of the Case Management Society of America, Hawai'i chapter.

Valarie (Jeong) Cesar (ATT '85 Leeward; BBA '88 Mānoa) is the owner/consultant of eSearch Hawai'i, an executive recruiting company.

Vincent Chan (BS '84 Mānoa) accepted a position at Belt Collins Hawai'i as project manager and civil engineer. He was previously employed at The Keith Companies as senior project engineer.

Allen Cole (BA '80, MFA '89, PD '91 Mānoa) played the part of Mr. Robinson in the Mānoa Valley Theatre production of *The Graduate*. He works at the Advanced Technology Research Branch of the Hawai'i Department of Education as part of e-school, an online course offered by the State of Hawai'i.

Paul Cravath (PhD '85 Mānoa), professor of drama at Leeward Community College, has contemporized a classic by directing *The Duchess*, based on the John Webster original but set in the year 2025.

Beadie Kanahale Dawson (JD '81 Mānoa) was honored with the Sally Rodgers Award for Lifelong Achievement by Whitman College. She is recognized as a prominent attorney, business executive, community leader, Hawaiian activist and devoted family woman.

Tammy Duckworth (BA '89 Mānoa), an Iraq war veteran, formally announced her candidacy to run for the Illinois congressional seat of retiring Republican Henry Hyde. She will run as a Democrat.

Paul H. Higo (BBA '82, MAcc '83, MBA '90 Mānoa) returned home to the islands as the Hawai'i managing partner for Deloitte

& Touche after 10 years of working for the company's New York, Silicon Valley and Hong Kong offices.

Nolan Kawano (BBA '84 Mānoa) was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer at Island Insurance Companies. He was previously vice president and CFO at Island and, before that, vice president and treasurer of First Insurance Company.

Lisa Matsumoto (BA '87, MFA '92 Mānoa) was in the musical *The Adventures of Gary and Harry* at the Hawai'i Theatre. The play is based on the book she co-authored.

Jeffrey H. Sakamoto (BBA '85) has been named chief financial officer at Deep Sea Water International in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island of Hawai'i. He was previously chief financial officer at Cyanotech Corp. in Kailua-Kona.

Lisa (Kunimune) Sakamoto (BBA '81 Mānoa) is vice president of finance at Catholic Charities Hawai'i. She previously worked for Young Brothers.

Scot Shimamura (BA '85 Mānoa) is a principal of William Scott Kitchen Design, a residential kitchen design company and importer of Canadian built cabinetry.

Kenneth Silva (BA '89 West O'ahu; MPA '01 Mānoa) is the Honolulu Fire Department's new chief, the department's 33rd. He joined HFD in 1981 as a firefighter and was promoted to captain, battalion chief and, in 2002, assistant chief. In 2001, he was named the department's Manager of the Year.

Lance Wilhelm (BA '87 Mānoa) has been appointed senior vice president for national general contractor, Kiewit Building Group. He is responsible for all of Kiewit's building construction operations in Hawai'i.

1990's

Elizabeth Burdick (MFA '98 Mānoa) recently directed *The Graduate* at Mānoa Valley Theatre and acted in David Mamet's *Boston Marriage* at the Actors Group.

Kyle Chock (BEEd '95, MPA '99 Mānoa) is executive director of The Pacific Resource Partnership, a nonprofit, labor-management program of the 6,000-member Hawai'i Carpenters Union, Local 745, and its 220 contractors across the state.



Kyung-Soo “Steven” Choi (BBA ’93 Mānoa)

recently accepted a position at Dong Sung Co. as vice president. He was employed at W Seoul as manager marketing communications. Steven will be responsible for company day-to-day operations.



Larenda Duley (BA ’90 West O’ahu; MSW ’94 Mānoa) is a doctorate candidate at Barry University in marriage and family counseling. She holds an LCSW in Hawai’i and Florida.

Lucille (Endo) Dwight

(BS ’95 Mānoa) joined the Organ Donor Center of Hawai’i as public education coordinator. She was employed as a marketing assistant at Oceanit, a local engineering/tech company. At the donor center, she will building relationships with community, educational, religious, civic and social organizations to increase awareness on the need for organ, tissue and eye donation.



Jodi Endicott (MFA ’96 Mānoa) has a show, *Beasts to Birds* scheduled at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center May 19–June 17. Building paintings as if they were sculptures, the O’ahu artist uses animals as metaphors for statements about society. Her public installations can be seen near Honolulu Hale, at Makalapa Elementary, in Kailua and online at www.jodi-endicott.com.

Chad Funasaki (BBA ’95 Mānoa) was promoted to senior audit manager at Nishihama & Kishida, CPAs, Hawai’i’s largest accounting and business consulting firm.



Blake Isobe (BBA ’98 Mānoa) was promoted to senior audit manager in the 50-member Honolulu firm at Nishihama & Kishida, CPAs.



Bryan S. K. Kim (BED ’92, MEd ’95 Mānoa) is an associate professor in the Department of Counseling, Clinical and School Psychology at University of California, Santa Barbara. He received the 2006 Fritz and Linn Kuder Early Career Scientist/Practitioner Award from the Society of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association.

Mona Kidd (AAT ’93 Windward; BSW ’02, MSW ’03 Mānoa) is a therapist for Hawai’i family

service agency Parents and Children Together on the island of Kaua’i.

Mellinda Lloyd (BSW ’92, MSW ’95 Mānoa) is a social worker for the Queen Liliuokalani Children’s Center and a family therapist for Homeless Solutions.

Celine Roberts (AA ’95 Leeward; BA ’99 West O’ahu; MSW ’04 Mānoa) is with Child and Family Service’s Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services.

Noelani Schilling (BBA ’91 Mānoa) is the senior director of sales and marketing at the O’ahu Visitors Bureau.

Lee Stein (MSW ’99 Mānoa) was among 100 Maui County Centennial Honorees. An instructor in human services at Maui CC, she was selected for volunteering with Women Helping Women, representing Hawai’i on the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and founding Alternatives to Violence.

Lacene Terri (BA ’94 Mānoa) accepted a position at PBS Hawai’i as the new director of community relations. She will be responsible for maximizing the public TV station’s exposure in the community and the media. Lacene was previously Republican caucus director at the state Capitol and worked at the Pacific Basin Economic Council.

Dorothea Tsipopoulos (MSW ’97 Mānoa) was the keynote speaker at an Annual Candlelight Vigil in Hawai’i during Domestic Violence Awareness month.

2000s

Della Au Belatti (JD ’03 Mānoa) started a new position as research attorney at the Senate Majority Research Office, working with **Krislen Chun** (JD ’03 Mānoa) and **Paul Schwind** (AS ’96 Kapi’olani; JD ’01 Mānoa).

Jennifer Benck (MEd ’02, JD ’05 Mānoa) joined the Carlsmith Ball law firm, working in real property, land use, hospitality and project financing.

Rhea Burtness (MSW ’04 Mānoa) is a social worker with Child and Family Service’s adoptions program in Hawai’i.

Anni Candland (JD ’05 Mānoa) does public law at a one of New Zealand’s “Big 6” law firms.

Kim David Chanbonpin (JD ’03 Mānoa) will do a semester-long internship with the World Bank’s Department of Institutional Integrity.

Calvert Chipchase (JD ’02 Mānoa) and **Laura Chipchase** (BA ’99, JD ’02 Mānoa) welcomed second daughter Gianna Marie on Dec. 28, 2005.

Ellen Eichberg (JD ’04 Mānoa) and husband Eric announce the birth of a baby boy, Felix Frederick, on Sept. 24, 2005, in Cologne, Germany.

Brooke Evans (MSW ’05 Mānoa) is a crisis counselor at the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapi’olani Health Center in Honolulu.



Martin Martens

The hula of business

UH Degree: MBA ’93 Mānoa

Career: Assistant professor, Concordia University’s John Molson School of Business

Roots: Western Nebraska

Adventures: Spent a month inside a Russian volcano and watched solar eclipses from various locations

UH impact: Entered a PhD program and pursued an academic career at the urging of then Professor David McClain and other Mānoa faculty

Cornhusker Martin Martens became a hula dancer after moving to the islands to work for The Hawai’i Newspaper Agency in 1988. Informal lunch-time hula lessons with a few co-workers evolved into a full hālau. “I learned a lot about the meaning of aloha by being part of this group,” he says.

Martens earned a PhD at the University of British Columbia in 2002 and settled in Montreal, where he studies corporate governance, sustainable development and antidotes to toxic organizations.

Last summer, he returned to Hawai’i for the international Academy of Management conference. Joined by Mānoa graduate student Aaron J. K. Sala and Kamehameha Schools’ Kaleo Trinidad, he presented ‘A’ohe Pau ka ‘Ike i Kau Hālau, a serious look at what can be learned from Hawaiian dance. A panel discussed how layers of literal and symbolic meanings in hula and chant communicate history, religion and a sense of community bonds. The symposium was a revelation to those unfamiliar with hula, and quite emotional for some. One participant explained how her involvement helped her understand her own Cherokee heritage. Martens and Sala plan follow up articles. —Heidi Sakuma



Faye Kurren

Business leader

UH Degree: JD '79 Mānoa

Current position: President, Hawai'i Dental Service; Chair, UH Foundation Board of Trustees

Roots: 'Aiea, Hawai'i

Family: Husband Barry (BA '73, JD '77 Mānoa); two daughters

Honors: 2006 YWCA Exceptional Leader Honoree; 2002 *Pacific Business News* Businesswoman of the Year

Key to success: "We're all on different paths, but we should support each other along the way and not be afraid to change our routes, if necessary. And we should take the high road, so that when we succeed, others will feel proud to have invested in us."

Hobbies: Reading

Fear of failure may have caused her some youthful timidity, but Faye Kurren savors challenges now. Trained in sociology and law, she was working as an attorney at Pacific Resources, Inc., when she was urged to head the petroleum company's international marketing and supply efforts. Her team sourced crude oil from throughout the world. "It's the best thing I ever did. I learned to have confidence in myself," she says. "Your greatest growth comes when you're in a place in which you're not comfortable." She grew into the company's top job. As president and CEO of HDS, the unpretentious leader encourages employees to move beyond their own comfort zones. Kurren also knows the value of a UH education. Sister Carol Kitaoka earned a UH law degree. Their parents, retired educators, are alumni. Husband Barry, a federal magistrate, has served as an adjunct law professor, and her late father-in-law, Oscar Kurren, was a longtime Mānoa faculty member.

Jennifer Goodlander (MFA '04 Mānoa) was selected to participate in the Lincoln Center Director's Lab, where she directed the reading of the play *Fireflies* by Japanese playwright Suzue Toshio. Goodlander is a teacher at Cornerstone University.

Crystalyn Hottenstein (BA '00, MSW '04 Mānoa) is a project coordinator for the Fun 5 Program in the public health sciences department at the UH Mānoa School of Medicine.

Beverly Javier (BSW '03, MSW '04 Mānoa) is a behavioral specialist at 'Aikahi Elementary School and teaches hula and jazz dance at Hawai'i Starshine Dance and Music Academy.

Kristine "Kris" Jenkins (MSW '03 Mānoa) is a program monitor for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, Hawai'i Department of Health.

Lara Lindsey Kasperowicz (JD '05 Mānoa) joined the law firm of Paul Johnson Park & Niles's Honolulu office. She will concentrate on commercial litigation.

Julie Longworth (MSW '05 Mānoa) received a Fulbright travel grant to study languages in Asia.

David Minkoff (MFA '00 Mānoa) works on the design faculty at the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at the University of Indiana, South Bend.

David Y. Nakashima (BA '01, JD '05 Mānoa) has joined the law firm of Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, practicing government regulation and public contracts and procurement.

Donna Asako Oshiro (BS '01, MSW '04 Mānoa) is a case manager with Hale Na'au Pono.

Rebecca "Becky" Phillips (MSW '03 Mānoa) is a social services supervisor for the Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree, Calif.

Avis K. Poi (BA '00, JD '04 Mānoa) joined Carlsmith Ball, specializing in labor employment law.

Trity Pourbahrami (MSW '04 Mānoa) is a project coordinator at the Western Justice Center Foundation in Pasadena, Calif.

Alissa Rogers (MSW '04 Mānoa) is the director of social services at Pōhai Nani Retirement Community.

Jodi Shaw (MSW '01 Mānoa) is a case management coordinator for HMSA insurance company.

Paul Southworth (MSW '05 Mānoa) is a case manager with Hawai'i's Institute for Human Services.

Avaiu Sunia (BA '97, MSW '03 Mānoa) returned to American Samoa and is developing children's mental health services there.

Megan Tanabe (MSW '04 Mānoa) is with the Hawai'i Department of Health's early intervention section.

Theresa Tevaga (MSW '03 Mānoa) is program director of a therapeutic recreation program with Hawai'i Child and Family Service.

Delia Parker-Ulima (JD '00 Mānoa) and high school friend Bella Finau-Faumua opened a scrap booking business called Creative Native Crafts in Kāne'ohe on O'ahu.

Staci M. Uwaine (BA '02, JD '05 Mānoa) has also joined the law firm Watanabe Ing & Komeiji specializing in labor and employment.

Michelle Webb (MSW '04 Mānoa) is with the Hawai'i Department of Health's early intervention section.

Barbara Uphouse Wong (JD '03 Mānoa) is executive director of Hawai'i's State Campaign Spending Commission.

In Memory

C. O. "Andy" Anderson (AAT '78 Leeward; BA '82 West O'ahu), 84, died on Jan. 1, 2006, at Tripler Army Medical Center. Anderson was a Marine for 34 years before dedicating the last 30 years of his life to community service in Waipahu, Hawai'i. Originally from Floyd, Iowa, Anderson moved to Hawai'i in 1975.

Daniel Joseph Johnson (PhD '89 Mānoa), 46, died on Oct. 4, 2005. Johnson worked at Central Washington University in the Geodesy Laboratory in Geological Sciences for six and a half years. He investigated magma storage at Kīlauea Volcano while studying geology and geophysics at Mānoa. He is survived by his wife Eileen Llona.

Eddie Tijen Wan Liekwie (BBA '71), 58, of Mililani, died on Oct. 12, 2005. Born in Suriname, he was a sales representative for All Pool and Spa.

Harvey Moeai (MSW '80 Mānoa), 51, of La'ie, died Aug. 24, 2005. He was a psychiatric social worker for Hawai'i and an accomplished musician.

Patsy Sumie Saiki (BEd '54, PD '55, MEd '59 Mānoa), 90, died on Dec. 2, 2005. Saiki was an educator, award-winning author and philanthropist who taught journalism and English at Hawai'i's public schools before becoming a Department of Education program specialist.

Ritva Sinikka Hayasaka Strand (MA '66 Mānoa), 65, a retired linguistics professor and president emeritus of the UH Professional Assembly, died in Florida on Dec. 20, 2005. Her 39-year UH career included serving as acting provost, acting dean and chair of the language arts division at Leeward Community College.

Tatsuye "Barbara" Yoshizumi (AAT '78 Windward; BSW '81 Mānoa), 77, of Kapolei, died on Aug. 25, 2005. She was a retired state social worker.

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