

About Us

The Hilo High School Foundation was formed in 1990, with the purpose of creating and maintaining an endowment fund that would fund educational programs and activities at Hilo High School that would not or could not be funded from State of Hawaii funds.



*Hilo High School
Centennial Celebration
September 24-30, 2006*

Latest Events

- [Hilo High School Centennial Celebration](#)
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Programs

The Hilo High School Foundation annually provides the school with the interest earnings for distribution to programs. A committee designated by the Principal solicits and reviews proposals from faculty for new and innovative programs that benefit the educational experience of Hilo High School students.

To date, the Foundation has distributed a total of over \$130,000 to Hilo High School. Programs receiving funding include: *Project Ho'olokahi*, a program that integrated math, science, history and cultural studies into a hands-on sailing experience on the Makali'i; *"So You Want a Job?"* project coordinated with the Hilton Waikoloa Hotel for employability skills exposure and job shadowing; *Aloha 'Aina*, a project which developed a solar powered mobile generator, aquaculture/permaculture research and an ecologically self-sustaining habitat on campus. In addition support has been provided for intramurals, French, 9th grade team, environmental science nursery, and photography programs

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Governing Body

A voluntary Board of Directors handles the governance and operations of the foundation. The Board fundraises and conducts programs that will benefit Hilo High School. The board is comprised of alumni, business persons, friends of Hilo High School and the principal of Hilo High School. Currently, there is no paid staff to handle the administration and details of foundation operations.

Board Membership

The Board of Directors of the Hilo High School Foundation are:

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- DENNIS T. MIYASHIRO (Class of 1964)
Sales Executive, Hilo Office, Atlas Insurance Company

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Big Island Coordinator of the Positive Coaching Alliance
- Clyde Nekoba (Class of '60)
Manager of Operations for the Hawaii Winter Baseball League

Donate Now!

Your charitable donation will help benefit and maintain the standards of academic excellence at Hilo High School.

There are several donation levels to choose from:

Legacy Partner	\$10,000.00
Platinum Member	5,000.00
Diamond Member	2,500.00
Gold Member	1,000.00
Silver Member	500.00
Bronze Member	250.00
Viking Supporter	100.00
Advocate	50.00
Member	25.00
Supporter	ANY AMOUNT

Use the printable form and mail with your check to **Hilo High School Foundation, 556 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.**

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Thank you in advance for your generous support of Hilo High School and the Hilo High School Foundation.