



ANNUAL REPORT 2009 - 2010

Your Support Develops Character, Heart and Excellence

Max Mukai (Class of 2004)

Max Mukai (Class of 2004) remembers his eight years at Holy Nativity School with much appreciation. Although his sixth grade year was quite remarkable – being the class president, valedictorian and Lei Day king – many of the teachers and experiences throughout the years prepared him for the future. “Holy Nativity School is a good place to learn,” he said. “It gave me a good foundation.”

For one thing, the Hawaiian studies aspect of the curriculum instilled in him a love for the Hawaiian culture, its language and music. It was the beginning of



Max and his family, including his sister, Mara (HNS Class of 2002)

bigger things to come. He later graduated from Kamehameha Schools, where his class elected him to be a Song Director during his Sophomore and Junior years. Max describes the experience as amazing. While this is a huge honor and responsibility to teach 250 students to sing and understand Hawaiian choral music, he was also going to do it while cameras were rolling. During his sophomore year, film crews followed him and nine other Song Directors for three months, going to their classes, rehearsals and homes as they prepared for the 2008 Annual Song Contest. The result can be seen in the documentary film, “One Voice,” which was featured in October 2010 at the Hawai’i International Film Festival and Sunset on the Beach.

His mother, Dawn, credits Holy Nativity School for giving Max “confidence as a leader who was not afraid to step out and take charge.” Max recognizes teachers and staff such as Ms. Bridgewater, Ms. Lum, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Ching and Ms. DePonte who nur-

2004 Lei Day King and Queen, Maxwell Mukai and Jennifer Moody



tured his gifts and leadership skills. He easily remembers his favorite memories: recess, class trips to the Big Island and Arizona, a three-day class sailing trip in the 5th grade, choir practices with Ms. Leong twice a week, being Headmaster for a Day where he sat in Dr. Whiting’s chair and read announcements, and discovering his gift for art through a challenging art program.

Max is now a freshman at Pepperdine University in Mailbu, California. He is part of the concert choir, which performs in locations like the Czech Republic. “Don’t forget where you came from, where it started,” he said. Congrats to Max for his accomplishments and being an outstanding example of our mission!

Our School Community

Holy Nativity School is a private, co-educational day school, located in ‘Aina Haina Valley in East Honolulu, serving children from three years old through grade six. Our students exhibit good character, respectfulness, and inquisitiveness. As our school song states, they are committed each day to becoming “a better me.” The faculty supports each child in this endeavor by creating a stimulating, personalized and challenging learning environment. The partnership of students, families, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees and Church allows Holy Nativity School to truly succeed as a school of excellence.

Message from the Head of School and the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of Holy Nativity School,

Holy Nativity School is celebrating its 62nd year of providing a strong educational program that supports both the spiritual and the academic formation of its students. Holy Nativity School is the only Episcopal school in Hawai'i that focuses exclusively on the elementary grade years. The school operates in the spirit of excellence and in a strong Episcopal tradition, and was the first independent elementary school in Hawai'i to be WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited.

Our school community is made rich by the relationships and values of our youth as well as the educators, parents and friends who support us. Holy Nativity's family setting, with one class per grade, encourages close relationships between teachers and students throughout the school and offers many opportunities for children to learn, grow and excel. The individual attention provided in this environment helps them feel secure and ready to rise to any challenge. With their peers counting on them, students learn to be dependable and responsible. In return, students receive a full share of attention and a healthy boost to their confidence.

Your support means more to us than we can express. You play an important part in helping us to provide an excellent education for our students in a personalized environment. You help us to develop each child's individuality as it develops principled citizens who recognize their role in a global community. Thank you for investing in our mission!



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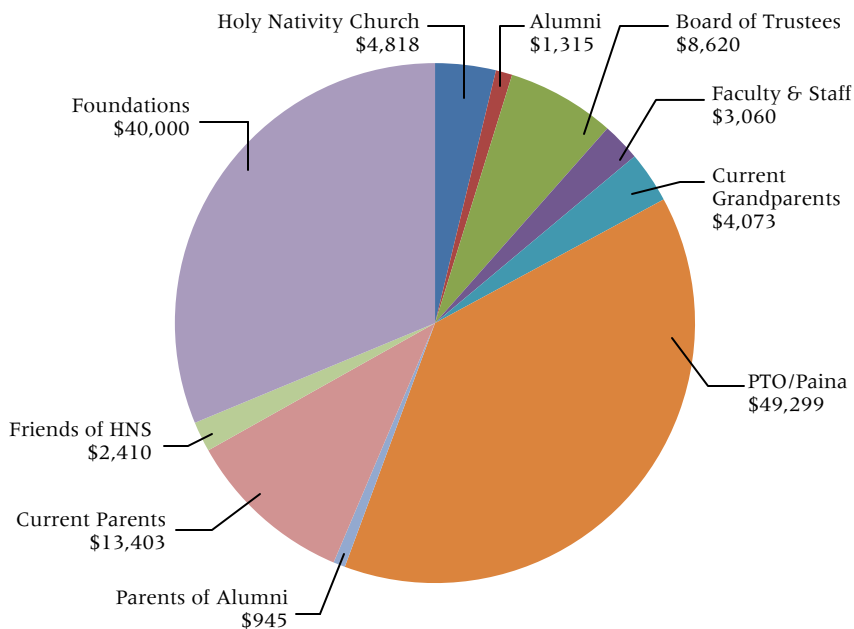
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Capital Campaign - Early Childhood Education Center

Holy Nativity School has recently launched a three-phase, \$4 million capital campaign to enhance its facilities for community use and to construct a new Early Childhood Education Center on its campus in East Oahu. This capital improvement project not only benefits the students, parents and families of Holy Nativity School, but also the East Honolulu community as well.

With the help of generous donors, we will provide the space needed to prepare our youngest children at the beginning of their educational development – and continue to transform the lives of all who gather together in this remarkable place. For information about the campaign, naming opportunities and more, please contact the school.

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 will never sit—**

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