



ANNUAL REPORT 2010 – 2011

Dr. Bob's Legacy of Character, Heart and Excellence **Dr. Robert Whiting, Head of School (2001-2012)**

After almost 11 years as Head of School and being known as “Dr. Bob”, Robert Whiting still enjoys every day at work. “There is something unique about Holy Nativity School. The kids, the faculty, the parents are what makes HNS special,” he said. Although Dr. Bob will tell you he still loves helping students and staff to excel, he is retiring next year after 50 years in education.

Though influenced by his parents who taught in public schools, education was not his original interest. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Business with a minor in English from Adams State College in Colorado, and then joined the Navy. There, he met sailors who couldn’t read, so he developed a reading program and witnessed their progress. “I liked the challenge of taking someone beyond what was comfortable and familiar and helping them to learn more,” he said.

Once out of the military, and after completing a master’s degree in late 1962, he received two diverse job offers, one as a stock analyst at a bank and another as a substitute teacher. He made a

heartfelt choice to become a substitute teacher and, over the next five months, became acquainted with students in nearly all the intermediate, middle and high schools in the Denver, Colorado area. The next year, he was hired as an English teacher at the Kamehameha School for Boys and served the school in various capacities over the next 38 years. While employed there, he took a sabbatical leave, met his wife, Marilyn, and earned a doctorate in Secondary Education and Curriculum from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He became head of HNS in 2001, replacing Reed Glover, a former long-term Head of School who was acting as the interim Head of School. Dr. Bob felt a connection to HNS because of his Episcopal background – his father was an Episcopal priest – and his interest in elementary education – his mother was a Kindergarten teacher.

Under Dr. Bob’s leadership, the school’s first long-range strategic plan was established, he increased base salaries for teachers and assistants by 42% over 11 years, focused staff development on multisensory approaches to writing and reading, led efforts to redesign the school’s external website and worked with the board, staff, parents, community and consultants to rebrand and market the school. He also worked in cooperation with the board, faculty, parents, church



Dr. Bob speaking at HNS’ annual fundraising event, Pa’ina.

vestry, community and architects to develop a facilities master plan to expand the Early Childhood Education Center and serve other school needs. He also led the school successfully through two accreditation cycles, the last of which will be renewed in 2017.

“How schools can change successfully to best serve children has been of continuing interest to me,” says Dr. Bob. “I’m honored to be part of change at HNS and to work with such a dedicated and competent faculty.” We will miss hearing Dr. Bob asking all students “What will you do today and for the rest of the week?” at Monday’s all-school flag, just as he will miss hearing them shout back, “Our personal best!”

Alongside his work as Head of School, Dr. Bob has a long history of serving on various boards—American Red Cross, ASSETS School and Girl Scouts of Hawai’i, just to name a few. He is also an experienced actor who you might see in commercials and plays. We are thankful for all of the wisdom he has shared with HNS!

Dr. Bob at work as Head of School.



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Each year we are deeply grateful for the number of donors who show their genuine support and love for HNS. We continue to maximize these precious resources while focusing on our core priorities – the children of HNS! We thank you for your continued contributions to sustain our mission and our vision for the future of our *little school in the valley*.

HNS was the first independent elementary school in Hawai'i to be WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited. Last year, following our long-standing tradition of academic excellence, we proudly received the highest level of WASC accreditation. We are committed to providing our students with a strong and comprehensive curriculum, guided by a well-trained and mission-driven faculty and staff. Every day we witness how our students are transformed by this small and personalized school environment, and then successfully graduate to higher levels of education.

The Board of Trustees thanks you for your steadfast support of the Annual Fund which benefits all students by bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating a child at HNS. We have a shared vision of excellence and the Annual Fund allows us to ensure precious resources sustain our legacy of making daily differences in our classrooms, and most importantly, in the lives of our children.

The contributions of your time, talents and treasures make HNS a truly special place. We wish you all the best with much gratitude in our hearts.



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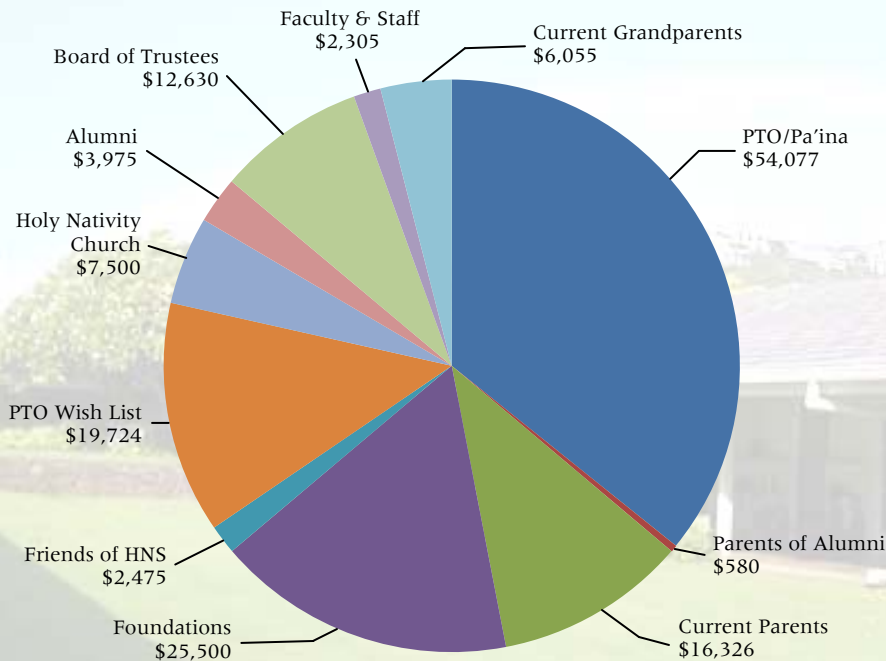
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Holy Nativity School is a private, co-educational day school, located in 'Aina Haina Valley in East Honolulu, serving children from three years old through grade six. Our students exhibit good character, respectfulness and inquisitiveness. As our school 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.

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