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Aloha Sally,

What an incredible journey! Founded in 2016, MKCF is now in our 8th funding cycle of supporting the community of Lana'i.

From our first grant in the spring of 2016 to the current day we have funded over 20 organizations for a total of more than \$758,320.

Lana'i is a rural community and is often the last to receive county and state funding. MKCF has stepped in to fund many programs that would never have been realized without our support. In the last two years, we focused on two initiatives: Teacher retention and meals for homebound seniors (kupunas) while still funding a wide variety of programs.

The MKCF Ohana is a special group of like-minded individuals that want to help improve life on Lana'i for everyone. We see the joys and the struggles of the Lana'i community. I hope that more of you will join us as donors. As we move forward, we also welcome your suggestions, support, and candid comments!

Mahalo,
Sally Clemens
President of the Board

You can reach me and other members of the board by emailing
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Scholarships for Outstanding Students From Lana'i

The Manele Koele Charitable Fund was proud to award six scholarships to exemplary students in May. Each scholarship was for \$2,500.

The students will pursue degrees in education and medicine. Through our generous donors, we can fund these scholars and show appreciation for the work their teachers have done to prepare them for higher education and professional degrees.

The 2023 scholarship recipients are LHES graduating seniors Callie Hart who will attend UH, Manoa, and **Keala Montgomery (right)** who will study education at Kenyon University and was also an LHES valedictorian!



Lovemarie Llamelo (Chaminade University of Honolulu), Allyna Teppang and Sabrina Samonte who will both attend UH, Manoa will all study nursing. Christle Morita will attend the UH, West Oahu, for a BA in Public Administration and Health Care Administration.

"No words can explain how truly grateful I am for being one of the candidates to receive the 2023-2024 MKCF Scholarships," wrote **Christle Morita (below)** to the MKCF. "I am deeply appreciative of the support and

truly determined to succeed. Tears of joy!”



The MKCF gives preference to scholarship applicants who indicate they plan to return to Lana'i after studying for a health-related degree or in education.

Eligible are LHES graduating seniors, LHES graduates moving from community colleges to four-year universities, and any LHES graduate pursuing a teaching credential or medical studies.

All applicants must be enrolled at an accredited educational institution that provides an education program acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor's or higher degree or offers a training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

LHES Foundation President Natalie Ropa was immensely helpful in sharing the scholarship with several organizations and arranging our participation in the LHES assembly for presentation.

All six of the 2022 scholarship recipients received a second \$2,500 scholarship: Amaya Ho'opi'i-Baptista (University of Hawaii, Maui), majoring in psychology and chemistry, Anela Kahihikolo, Criseanne Baltero, Maile Laporga, Olivia Pascual, and Ryallah Rodrigues. Criseanne, who attends Menlo College is also president of the Filipino America Club Kapamilya (PACK) and on the weightlifting team.



Olivia Pascual (above) will graduate early as a nurse practitioner. “Thank

you again to MKCF and their generosity so that many individuals, like myself, can continue to pursue their dreams and aspirations,” said Olivia.



From the left, MKCF president Sally Clemens, 2023 Scholarship recipients Keala Montgomery, Callie Hart, Lovemarie Llamelo, Allyna Teppang, Shirley Samonte accepting for Sabrina Samonte, Christle Morita, and Jim Clemens (MKCF Founder). Each graduate received an MKCF certificate and a lei compliments of Avi Phookan, Resort Manager, the Four Seasons, Manele.

Since 2016 MKCF has Funded
At LHES: Chromebooks during the
pandemic, kindergarten smart boards, woodshop &
autobody shop equipment, computer lab with 20 Dell
XPS laptops, a scoreboard for the gym, musical
instruments

At LHES Foundation: Entrepreneurship classes, college
visits to Oahu, "College & Career Project," Lana'i
Community Health Initiative

**Partial List of Other Organizations and Projects
Funded:**

Lana'i Youth Center, Lana'i Academy of Performing
Arts, Lana'i Community Association's Pineapple
Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting, Hospice
Hawaii/Lana'i, United Filipino Council of Hawaii,