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Q&A with Trustee Stanford Carr

UHF Board Trustee and Real Estate Committee Chair
Stanford Carr explains how UH made a difference for him and why he gives back.

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?
A: I was born and raised on Maui. During my senior year at Maui High School, the Principal, Calvin Yamamoto, encouraged me to take some core requirements at Maui Community College, which I did. I then moved to O‘ahu in 1980 and have been here ever since. I started a contracting business while attending UH and eventually ventured into the real estate development business.

Q: Why do you support UH – as a donor and a UHF board member?
A: I’ve been involved with the UH Foundation since first participating in the President’s Club back in the mid-1990s. I have now served two terms as a UHF Trustee, the first six-year term starting in 1998, and then a second nine-year term that ends this summer. It has been a gratifying experience and I have learned so much about the university’s accomplishments over the years, that it compelled Kathy and me to establish the Stanford & Kathy Carr Endowed Scholarship program. As a second-term chair of the Real Estate Committee, I have witnessed the generosity of other donors and the incredible impact it has made for students, faculty and curriculum programs that would not have been possible without the community’s support.

Q: Why is UH so important to our state?
A: I believe the University of Hawai‘i is critical to advancing our community and our state. Can you imagine a time prior to the establishment of the William Richardson School of Law or the John A. Burns School of Medicine? All of our kids would have to travel to the mainland to attain a higher education to pursue the practice of law or medicine. The UH System provides so many different opportunities to our local kids who aspire to enter diverse professional careers. This is important for our economy – to have a reliable, educated workforce and opportunities for a higher standard of living. Most people don’t realize this, but the UH System is a major economic engine driving our state’s economy. More than $1 billion dollars is spent every year to employ thousands of people and produce the educated workforce that is necessary to sustain so many endeavors vital to our environment, economy and health.

Al Gore visits UH

An enthusiastic crowd gathered on April 15 at the Stan Sheriff Center to welcome former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, who spoke passionately about the impacts of human behavior on climate change. He explained how we can do our part to mitigate damage and leave a healthy world for the next generation. The lecture was part of UH Sea Grant College Program’s Pauley Lecture in Sustainability series. See next page for more information. 

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Seminars in Sustainability

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore’s April 15 lecture at UH Mānoa was part of the university’s prestigious Stephen and Marylyn Pauley Seminar in Sustainability series, organized by the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program.

The series honors the Edwin W. Pauley Foundation’s significant support of UH, Dr. Stephen Pauley’s remarkable sustainability efforts, and Mrs. Marylyn Pauley’s national and visionary leadership in higher education. Since 2004, the Seminar in Sustainability has brought to Hawai‘i individuals of extraordinary achievement and vision in their fields.

Modeling sustainability

For more than 60 years, the Pauley family’s generosity and vision has nurtured UH’s sustainability efforts in many ways. The most visible is funding the purchase of Coconut Island (Moku O Lo‘e), and the island’s several research laboratories that house the Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB).

The Pauley facilities on Coconut Island have allowed HIMB faculty to train hundreds of undergraduates and graduate students in visionary, high-impact tropical marine research, as well as provide innovative educational experiences to thousands of K-12 students and community members. The Foundation generously supports future marine biologists through the Edwin W. Pauley Summer Program in Marine Biology. This is an annual research and graduate-level training program.

Among the many discoveries made through these programs and facilities, “the Pauley Foundation made it possible for HIMB scientists to discover and characterize the first coral bleaching event in Hawai‘i, describe the parameters that affect the bleaching event and help develop strategies to lessen the impact of higher ocean temperatures on coral reefs,” said HIMB director Dr. Jo-Ann Leong.

Mahalo to the Pauleys for helping educate and inspire the next generation to create a sustainable world.

“IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERSTATE THE IMPACT OF STEPHEN AND MARYLYN PAULEY ON OUR UNIVERSITY – STARTING WITH THEIR VERY GENEROUS GIFTS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEIR LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION IN BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE HAWAI‘I THAT PROVIDES FOR TODAY WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO LIVE AND THRIVE ON OUR ISLANDS.”

— Dr. Gordon Grau, director, UH Sea Grant College Program
Mutual admiration:
Donors and students celebrate scholarships across UH System

TOP – Former WCC professor Dr. Felice Brault shares her aloha with student Jennifer Williams.

ABOVE LEFT – L-R: Lori Maehara, Santos Quesada, Yuri Kojima and Mariana Oliveira

ABOVE RIGHT – L-R: Tony & Becky Kam Locascio, Chris Nadamoto, Wes Maekawa and Lee Darsha


CLOCKWISE – WCC students Malia Galindo and Eric Edghill-Blankman

WCC Chancellor Doug Dykstra

Veterinary Technology instructor Sam Craddock (center), students and canines greeted guests as they arrived at Palikū Theatre.

Ka’ala Carmack leads students in singing “The Prayer” in Hawaiian and English for gala guests.

LEFT – Bruce & Jackie Erickson with scholarship recipient Mita Uiato (center)

RIGHT – Aurora & Royal Fruehling with scholarship recipient Jenna Caparoso (center)

LOWER LEFT – L-R: Visa Castillo, Makaleka Aikala-Kahele, Malia Peters and Gladys Singleton.

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Gift makes history at UH Hilo
Hilo dentist honors former professor by establishing endowed chair in history

Hilo dentist and UH Mānoa faculty member Dr. Patsy Fujimoto is honoring her former UH Hilo history professor by establishing the David C. Purcell, Jr. Endowed Visiting Chair in History in the College of Arts and Sciences at UH Hilo.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Randy Y. Hirokawa said, “Dr. Fujimoto’s gift is transformational. For the first time, we will be able to bring to our campus some of the best scholar/teachers in the field of history to bolster our already outstanding faculty in the History Department.”

Dr. Fujimoto attended UH Hilo, and graduated from UH Mānoa with a certificate in dental hygiene and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, now the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

While attending UH Hilo, Dr. Fujimoto took many classes in Asian history from Dr. Purcell. She applies the life lessons she gleaned from his classroom to her own teaching today.

“Dr. Purcell knew his material thoroughly and set very high standards for his students and himself,” said Dr. Fujimoto.

“My experiences with Dr. Purcell solidified my belief that a solid undergraduate education gives the learner a lifetime of ideals and values. I am most grateful for all he taught us and strive to emulate his commitment to students in my teaching, and through this gift.”

Dr. David C. Purcell, Jr. earned a PhD in Japanese history from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967. While completing his doctoral studies, he was awarded a two-year fellowship for Japanese language study at the East-West Center at UH Mānoa. He taught at Sophia University in Tokyo, as well as at California State University, East Bay and at Miami University of Ohio before coming to Hilo.

In 1970 he joined the faculty at UH Hilo, where he taught courses in the history of Japan, China and Oceania until his retirement in 2001. He is a recipient of the Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award, and he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UH Hilo from 1976–1983.

UH Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney said, “Knowledge of history enriches our communities and strengthens society, and I’m pleased the inspiration Dr. Purcell imparted to his student years ago will benefit UH Hilo students for years to come.”

How truly exciting it will be for our students to be able to take courses from world-renowned professors whose work they may only have read in textbooks or journal articles. Great universities like Harvard and Stanford are able to do that for their students; and thanks to Dr. Fujimoto, UHH will be able to do that, too!”

— Dr. Randy Hirokawa, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

UH Hilo history professors celebrate Dr. Patsy Fujimoto’s generous gift. L-R: Dr. Kerri Inglis, Dr. Purcell, Dr. Fujimoto, Dr. Michael Bitter and John-Gabriel James. Back: Dr. Douglas Mikkelson.
Kenneth Keiso Uyeda and Nora Saida Uyeda are UH Mānoa alumni who spent their careers as elementary school teachers in Scarsdale, N.Y. They are also longtime friends of John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) Vice Dean Dr. Satoru Izutsu.

When the Uyedas returned home to Hawai‘i in the early 1980s after they retired from teaching, they asked Dr. Izutsu for assistance in getting settled. He was instrumental in introducing Mrs. Uyeda and her mother, Mrs. Kikue Saida, to Dr. Patricia Blanchette, then head of JABSOM’s geriatric medicine program.

Mrs. Uyeda credits the care given to her mother by members of the Department of Geriatric Medicine as the reason for her mother’s longevity. Now, years later, Mr. and Mrs. Uyeda are also benefiting from the care of department faculty and fellows. To express their appreciation for the care they have received, and to recognize the excellent training provided by the program, Mr. and Mrs. Uyeda have been generous supporters of the department since 2000.

The Uyedas have also included the department in their estate plans. Their bequest will establish the Kenneth Keiso Uyeda and Nora Saida Uyeda Endowment, funding an endowed chair for the department. This endowment will strengthen the educational, clinical training, research and community outreach missions of the department. It will also help ensure a strong future for the geriatric medicine fellowship training program.

“We are so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Uyeda for this generous gift that will live in perpetuity as an endowment,” said Dr. Kamal Masaki, chair of geriatric medicine. “As retired teachers, they have continued their commitment to education and helped us teach our medical students, residents and fellows. Over the years, they have become part of our geriatrics family. This generous endowment will allow future generations of doctors to learn about geriatrics.”

The geriatric medicine program at JABSOM was launched in 1984 by Dr. Blanchette, under the leadership of then Dean Dr. Terry Rogers. For 20 years, Dr. Blanchette nurtured and built the program into one of the strongest geriatric medicine programs in the nation.

Studies estimate that the U.S. needs 30,000 geriatricians, but there are less than 7,000 practicing nationwide. Many of these geriatricians are close to retirement age, so the number of practicing geriatricians is expected to drop, while the need for them keeps increasing. Given Hawai‘i’s large senior population, having well trained geriatricians to care for Hawai‘i’s elderly is becoming increasingly important.
Local firms support UH, DOE & State to build Hawai‘i workforce

Six local corporations have demonstrated their support to strengthening Hawai‘i’s workforce through higher education as sponsors of 55 by ’25, a campaign that raises awareness about Hawai‘i’s education goal of having 55 percent of working age adults hold a 2- or 4-year college degree by the year 2025.

Hawai‘i P-20 Partnerships for Education* launched the 55 by ’25 campaign to encourage businesses, educators, parents and community organizations to come together to achieve Hawai‘i’s education goal. A study by Georgetown University found that by 2018, 65 percent of the jobs in Hawai‘i will require some college, and according to the 2011 U.S. Census, 42 percent of Hawai‘i’s adults hold a college degree. This leaves a 23 percent gap.

Businesses can help by providing more internships and incentives for employees to complete college. Executives can help by mentoring and educating youth by engaging in speaking opportunities at schools. Visit 55by25.org for more ways to make a difference.

* Hawai‘i P-20 is a statewide collaboration led by the Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawai‘i Department of Education and the UH System with the goal of improving educational outcomes for Hawai‘i.