

Hall of Fame

The UH Manoa Nursing Alumni Association and UH Manoa Nursing recognizes alumni for their outstanding achievement in leadership, excellence and innovation. Awardees represent the best of nursing in Hawaii, U.S. and the world. They exemplify service, dedication, honor the nursing profession, advance health-care and spread the spirit of aloha.

2019

On Thursday, April 11, 2019, the UH Manoa Nursing Alumni Association hosted the 2019 Alumni Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser event at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. More than 180 guests attended to honor the two Alumni Hall of Fame recipients and the two Outstanding Young Alumni. Additionally, nursing student scholarship recipients Kanoe Tani and Christopher Davis spoke about the impact of scholarship. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support nursing endowed scholarship and student awards. See event photos.

Madeline (Mimi) Harris

MS '89, BS '76, RN, CNS, NEA-BC

Gail Kanegawa
BS '87, AS '85, RN

2018

On Thursday, March 1, 2018, the UH Manoa Nursing Alumni Association celebrated it's 4th annual Endowed Scholarship Fundraiser event at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. More than 230 guests attended to honor the two Alumni Hall of Fame recipients and the two Outstanding Young Alumni. Additionally, nursing student scholarship recipient John Nuez spoke about the impact of scholarship. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support nursing endowed scholarship and student awards. See event photos.

Nancy Atmospera-Walch

DNP '17, MPH, BS '77, AS '71, RN, LNHA, MCHES, CCHN, CMC

Gloria

Fernandez

DNP '15, MS '11, PHNA, RN

2017

On Thursday, March 9, 2017, the UH Manoa Nursing Alumni Association celebrated its 3rd annual Endowed Scholarship Fundraiser event at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. More than 120 guests attended to honor the two Alumni Hall of Fame recipients. Additionally, nursing student scholarship recipient Kris Daenos spoke about the impact of scholarship. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support nursing endowed scholarship and student awards. See event photos.

Sally Kamai
MBA-HCM, BS '83, RN

Barbara Mathews
MS '77, APRN

2016

In 2016, UH Manoa Nursing honored 60 nursing alumni at the Sensational 60th Anniversary Gala event held at the Sheraton Waikiki. Of the 60 nurses, six were inducted into an inaugural Hall of Fame and 54 were recognized for outstanding achievement in leadership, excellence and innovation. See event photos. The 60 alumni who were recognized represent the best of nursing in Hawaii, U.S. and the world. The service and dedication of these Sensational Sixty nurses honor the nursing profession, advance health-care and spread the spirit of aloha.

The six alumni – each representing impressive achievements in research, education and practice – were inducted into an inaugural Hall of Fame.

Peggy L. Chinn

PhD, MS, BS '64, RN, FAAN

Jillian Inouye

PhD, MA, MS, BS '66, APRN, FAAN

Sally T. Ishikawa

MPH, BS '70, RN, NHA

Connie Mitchell

MS '89, BS '78, APRN, BCRADM

Kerry Paige Nessler

MS '85, BSN, RN, FAAN

Mary Frances Oneha

PhD, MN, BS '81, APRN The school also honored 54 outstanding nursing alumni who make a difference every day in the lives of the people of Hawaii.

Outstanding Alumni

Richelle Asselstine, *Shriners Hospitals for Children – Honolulu*

Nancy Atmospera-Walch, *Advantage Health Care Provider, Inc.*

COL Takako Lei Barrell, *Tripler Army Medical Center*

Christa Braun-Inglis, *Kaiser Permanente*

Clementina Ceria-Ulep, *University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing*

Nicolle Chun, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Denise Cohen, *University of Hawaii Maui College*

Sharon Contrades, *Wilcox Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Danielle Doo, *Hawaii Keiki: Healthy & Ready to Learn Program*

Leina Duchai, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Aileen A. Duran, *Lana'i Community Health Center*

Sharon L. Longe Espina, *Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System*

Gloria Fernandez, *Hawaii Department of Health – Public Health Nursing Branch*

Dianne Fochtman, *Hospice Hawaii*

Joan Foley, *Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System & Tripler Army Medical Center*

Liane Fujita, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Geila Fukumitsu, *Kaiser Permanente*

Julie Gamboa, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Joseph Giovannoni, *Joseph Giovannoni, Inc.*

Paul Guillory, *Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System*

Jacqueline Haro, *John Nagamine MD, Inc.*

Margaret Hattori-Uchima, *University of Guam, School of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Emyline Hiraki, *Pali Momi Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Wai Ting “Jackie” Hui, *Kalihi Palama Health Center*

Nona Irvine, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Glenda Kaalakea, *Straub Medical Center/Wilcox Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Sandra Kakiuchi, *Kaiser Permanente*

Joan Kanemori, *Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Lori R. Y. Kaneshige, *Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Catherine Kawaihalau, *Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System*

Lisa Kelleher, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Cynthia Kitkowski, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Judy Kodama, *Maui Memorial Medical Center*

Andrea Kubota, *Shriners Hospitals for Children – Honolulu*

Bridget Lai, *Hawaii Pacific Health System*

Larson P. Layugan, *Kaiser Permanente*

Clovita Ledward, *The Queen's Medical Center – West Oahu*

Brigitte McKale, *Pali Momi Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Andrew Moats, *Straub Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Brenda Mopas, *Kaiser Permanente*

Diane Nakagaki, *Kaiser Permanente*

Diane Pestolesi, *Saddleback College, California*

Jadelyn Pontes, *Pali Momi Medical Center – Hawaii Pacific Health*

Joanne Potts, *Hospice of Hilo*

LTC Editha D. Ruiz, *Tripler Army Medical Center*

Lorraine Sakamoto, *The Queen's Medical Center – West Oahu*

Sharon Shigemasa, *University of Hawaii Cancer Center*

Corinne Suzuka, *CareResource Hawaii*

Kathy Terada, *Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center*

Joyce Tokuhara, *The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl*

Audrey Torres, *Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific*

Janet Uyehara, *University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing*

Christina Wong, *MinuteClinic, CVS*

Nancy York, *Castle Medical Center*