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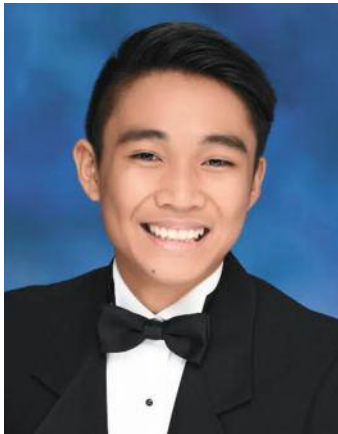
Graduation Ceremonies Mark the Beginning

Alfredo Evangelista

This past month, over a thousand high school Seniors in the County of Maui marched to Pomp and Circumstance, a song composed in 1901, with lyrics written in 1902 to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII of England. So yes, there are lyrics:
*Dear Land of Hope, thy hope is crowned.
God make thee mightier yet!*

*On Sov'reign brows, beloved, renowned,
Once more thy crown is set.
Thine equal laws, by Freedom gained,
Have ruled thee well and long;
By Freedom gained, by Truth maintained,
Thine Empire shall be strong.*
As the high school graduates processed in, with their families and friends beaming

with pride, their minds were certainly not on the usually unsung lyrics but probably on getting lei, graduation parties or Project Graduation lock-in, enlisting in the military, joining the work force, or continuing their formal post high school education.
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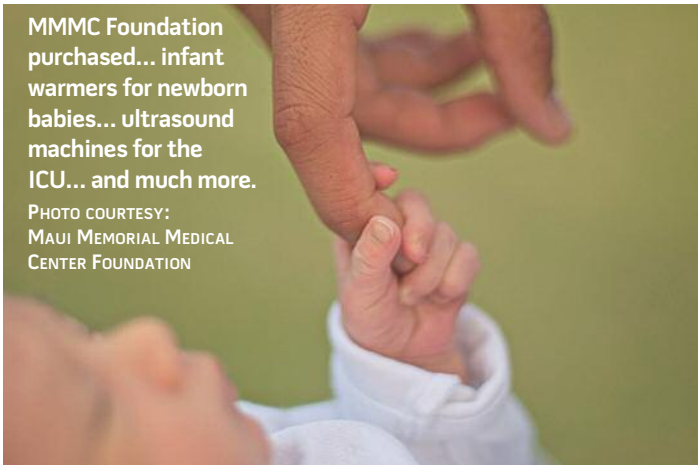
Noah Magbual, Baldwin High School Valedictory Speaker
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A New Day for Maui Memorial Medical Center

Lisa Varde



Maui Memorial Medical Center will be transitioning from State management to a new nonprofit organization—Maui Health System, a subsidiary of Kaiser Permanente.
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MMMC Foundation purchased... infant warmers for newborn babies... ultrasound machines for the ICU... and much more.
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July 1 will usher in a new day in healthcare for our Maui community. Maui Memorial Medical Center will be transitioning from State management to a new nonprofit organization—Maui Health System, a subsidiary of Kaiser Permanente. Our hospital will continue to serve everyone just as it always has—no matter your health condition, insurance provider, if you are a resident or visitor, or even your ability to pay. No one is ever turned away.
The newly formed Maui Health System will manage day-to-day operations at our hospital and will bring much-needed stability and resources. Maui Health Sys-

tem's number one priority is the care and safety of all patients and they have pledged to do everything possible to improve and expand services on Maui. Maui Health System is actively hiring physicians, registered nurses, nurse's aides, and administrative positions.
Governor David Ige has predicted the transfer of hospital services will save the State \$260 million in hospital subsidies over the next decade. In this year's legislative session, lawmakers approved State funding to include:
• \$36.4 million in general funds in FY18 for working
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Noah Magbual gave thanks to his family: "Most of all, I've got to thank my family, both near and far. My mom, dad, sister and aunty are all in the audience today."

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and sang their class song with one voice, you could sense relief but also a realization that this was just the beginning of many more hours of study. After all, they're called Commencement Exercises. In a 16-page special supplement, *The Maui News* listed sixteen commencement exercises in Maui County, complete with a list of all graduates and those receiving academic honors.

The highest academic honor is the designation of Valedictorian. Most Hawai'i public high schools designate every student with at least a 4.0 cumulative grade point average as a valedictorian... and there were many valedictorians this year. But usually the student with the highest grade

point average delivers the Valedictory speech.

Henry Perrine Baldwin High School recognized twenty-one valedictorians, with eight of them of Filipino ancestry: Raisa Bermudez, Romar DeCastro, Dillon Gasmen, Noah Magbual, Kimberly Marcelo, Nicole Matsui, Creselle Morales, and Denise Torres.

The honor of the Valedictory speech belonged to Noah Magbual, who also served as class president. After giving thanks to his teachers, counselors, friends, and fellow classmates, Magbual gave thanks to his family: "Most of all, I've got to thank my family, both near and far. My mom, dad, sister and aunty are all in the audience today. You've all had to put up with my endless demands over the years, and yet you did everything in your power to make sure that education was my first priority. Thank you.



Denise Torres will attend Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Courtney Cadiz will major in Computer Science at the University of Portland.

PHOTO COURTESY: COURTNEY CADIZ

To my Grandma: I will never forget how you packed up everything you owned and left your life behind to move from the Philippines to Maui all those years ago. You helped raise me while my parents worked late night shifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Magbual is the son of Arnold and Marjorie Magbual, the owners of Four Sisters Bakery in Wailuku, and the grandson of Estanislao and Rufina Magbual, who started the bakery in 1983.

The immigration of the Magbual family to Hawai'i is typical of many other Filipino families. Estanislao Magbual (who later Americanized his name to Stanley when he became a U.S. citizen) was petitioned by his sister Juana Cajigal and arrived on Maui in January 1979. His wife Rufina and their eight single children: Rogelio, Elizabeth, Milagros, Melen, Arnold, Ederlina, Jovy, and Jay arrived in November 1980. (Son Ferdinand who was adopted by Juana Cajigal arrived in 1968 while son Rene arrived in 1979 and son Eduardo arrived in 1997.)

Many of the Magbual children would work in the sugar and tourism industries while Stanley would venture into the business world, selling his famous *pan de sal* and *ensamada*, initially from their home and later at the bakery on Vineyard Street.

The importance of his family was not lost on the younger Magbual as he addressed his classmates. "Like many of you, I don't know where I'd be without my family. When I was growing up, it was actually my extended family who noticed that I was not a typical kid." Magbual told the story how he wrote in his first grade memory book that he wanted to be a valedictorian (although he did misspell the word.)

But home was paramount to Magbual—wherever it was and in whatever concept the idea of home was. Magbual told his classmates that "as long as you have a home to find comfort in, there is no telling how far you can go. And remember, you'll always have a home with the people you're sitting with on this very field right now."

Magbual, who will be attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, plans to major in Biochemistry/Human Biology and become a medical doctor. Knowing full well what lies ahead, Magbual told his classmates: "I challenge you to find what makes you shine in life. Be resilient. Overcome hardships. Build a home for yourself that makes you feel unexplainable joy and happiness, and pushes you to fulfill your purpose."

Magbual's fellow Baldwin High School valedictorians of Filipino ancestry will definitely be challenged along the way: Raisa Bermudez will attend the University of Washington, Romar DeCastro will attend the University of Puget Sound in Washington, Dillon Gasmen will attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, Kimberly Marcelo will attend the University of Portland in Oregon, Nicole Matsui and Creselle Morales will both attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, while Denise Torres will attend Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

The challenges will not only be academic but financial as well. Tuition alone (not including housing, books, food, etc.) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for full-time undergraduate students is almost \$11,000.00 per year. The University of Washington estimates almost \$50,000.00 for out-of-state residents' tuition, fees, housing, food, books, and personal expenses.

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Sheena Marie G. Garo said it was difficult to be involved in extracurricular activities and be a dual enrollment student at the University of Hawai'i Maui College.

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From the Editor's Desk

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Graduation, a Time to Celebrate, a Time to Reflect...

For many, the end of the school year is the beginning of the next phase of their life. In Hawai'i, graduation ceremonies are marked with the tradition of lei giving, graduation parties, and congratulations from friends and family. It is a season of hope, fulfillment, and yes, for some, uneasiness and anticipation.

I fondly recall getting ready for my high school graduation in the Philippines as one of the most fun days of my life. My high school classmates and I had fond memories of the good times together and we were getting ready to embark on a new journey that would separate us from each other. The bonds of friendship would remain yet we would each start a new chapter of our lives.

My best memory of graduation was when my mother took me to a tailor to get me a *Barong*, a pairing pants and nice black leather shoes to wear during my high school graduation ceremonies. My family was very poor so this was my first formal wear and it being a *barong* made it even more special. (I treasured my *Barong* for a long time until I was able to pass it on to my son.)

On graduation day, as we marched to the stage, it was the proudest day of my life as I accomplished something my parents did not. Our high school graduation group photo is very memorable as I have kept it up to now—looking at it at times and reminiscing the past of my childhood youthful memories.

It is with this spirit of accomplishment and pride that The *Fil-Am Voice* features the theme of Graduation in this issue, in particular, high school valedictorians of Filipino ancestry. On Maui, there are at least thirty-four valedictorians of Filipino ancestry. Wow! That's something

that we, as a Filipino community, should be proud of—and we congratulate them as they begin their post-high school education. We look forward to reading about their college success and their college graduations.

For me, graduation from college was the ultimate fulfillment of my dream and the beginning of Life's reality called work. In 1970, I graduated from the University of Hawai'i-Hawai'i Community College Hilo campus, majoring in hotel and restaurant management—a two year course. Graduating from college was the proudest day of my life. I accomplished what I set to do in a new country and I fulfilled my parents' wishes for me to finish college and earn a degree.

My parents always told me that they didn't have a lot of material things to give me but they were willing to work hard at two jobs each so they could send me to school to get a degree. On graduation day my parents said to me, "Son, congratulations, you have realized our dream. We are so proud of you. You are now on your own. Make the best of what you learned, work hard and save money."

It is hard to describe my parents' reaction but the best words are joyful and reborn. Reborn in a sense that I can finally walk on my own without them holding me up.

As a community, we need to continue to uplift all members... and graduation season is the best time to remember that we are all blessed with the opportunity that education provides each of us to excel, achieve, and grow together as a community.

The *Fil-Am Voice* extends its congratulations to all graduates and their parents and families for their hard work and sacrifice. ✨



Jordyn S. Paa will enroll in the School of Travel Industry Management
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Nathalya K. Yadao also faced the challenge of balance: "Trying to balance seven classes, managing deadlines and time, lack of sleep..."
PHOTO COURTESY: NATHALYA YADAO

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Creighton University estimates the total costs to be over \$53,000.00 while Stanford University will cost the Magbuals over \$60,000.00 each year.

Luckily, the Baldwin High School valedictorians received scholarships from their respective universities as well as the Elks National Foundation, Ernie Sherill, Foodland Shop for Higher Education, Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation, Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Na Ho'okama, Passing it Forward, Roman Shaffel S.J., and Takeo & Joan Shibuya Scholarships.

At its graduation ceremonies, new Maui High School principal Jamie Yap announced that the Class of 2017 was awarded over \$15 million dollars in scholarships—a record at the school.

Maui High School set another record in bestowing of thirty valedictorians—the most in the entire State of Hawai'i. Of those thirty, fifteen are of Filipino ancestry: Shaye L.N. Acopan, Roxanne Kate Agtang, Jamaica L. Aquino, Jett R. Bolusan, Courtney R. Cadiz, Danny S. Domingo, Florimae S. Garcia, Sheena Marie G. Garo, Renezel M. Lagran, Dylan K. Manibog, Summer B. Montehermoso, Braiden E. Paa, Jordyn S. Paa, Nathalya K. Yadao, and Nicole O. Yuzon.

Some Maui High School valedictorians appear to be headed towards the health fields: Acopan, Aquino and Yuzon will study Nursing at the University of Portland, the University of Hawai'i Maui College, and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, respectively while Garo will study Radiology Technology at Kapi'olani Community College.

At least six of Maui High School's valedictorians will matriculate at the University of Hawai'i Maui College: Agtang, Aquino, Balanay, Lagran, Montehermoso, and Yadao while the Paa twins (Braiden will major in Applied Mathematics and Jordyn will enroll in the School of Travel Industry Management) and Domingo (also majoring in Travel Industry Management) will join Yuzon at UH Mānoa.

Bolusan will major in Mechanical Engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Cadizwill major in Computer Science at the University of Portland, Garcia will major in Music & Educa-

tion at Western Washington University, and Manibog will major in computer engineering at George Fox University in Oregon.

Many Maui High School valedictorians spoke of the challenges they faced to maintain their 4.0 grade point average. According to Acopan, "The most challenging part of maintaining my academic standing was finding the perfect balance between my extracurricular activities and all of my course work" while Domingo said "The challenging part of maintaining my grades was finding the time to study between band and extracurriculars. It took some late hours, intense focus and determination."

Yadao also faced the challenge of balance: "Trying to balance seven classes, managing deadlines and time, lack of sleep whenever I have a lot to do" while Garo said it was difficult to be involved in extracurricular activities and be a dual enrollment student at the University of Hawai'i Maui College: "Taking AP classes, college courses at UHMC and volunteering at health care facilities definitely takes a lot of dedication and patience."

Despite these challenges, Maui High School valedictorians of Filipino ancestry received scholarships from their universities: the Dr. Inouye & Dr. Baum Foundation, as well as Auriol Flavell Student Scholarship for Young Musicians, Binhi at Ani, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i Foundation, Filipino Women's League Community, Foodland Shop for Higher Education, HC&S, Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter, James M. Kidoguchi, Longs Drugs, Maui AJA Veterans, Inc. & Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans, Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Maui High School Foundation, Michael H. Lyons II Memorial, and Touch for Peace.

While Maui High School had the most valedictorians of Filipino ancestry, King Kekaulike High School boasted fifteen valedictorians, of which eight are of Filipino ancestry: Emi Abe, Alenette Ballesteros, Jaelyn Domingo, Claire Gragas, Eleu Higa, Ian Martins, Alona Sabugo, and Alexis Yoro.

Abe will enroll in Western Washington University, Ballesteros will study Political Science at Colorado College, Domingo will study Computer Science at California Polytechnic



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Nicole O. Yuzon will study Nursing at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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"... Keep working hard no matter how bad you feel like giving up and surround yourself with friends who motivate you to do better" said Danny S. Domingo.

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Shaye L.N. Acopan said "The most challenging part of maintaining my academic standing was finding the perfect balance between my extracurricular activities and all of my course work."

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Roxanne Kate Agtang Balanay is one of 30 Valedictorians of Maui High School's class of 2017, fifteen of which are of Filipino ancestry.

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State University, Gragas will study International Business at Pacific University in Oregon, Higa will study Business Management at Warner Pacific in Oregon, Martins will study Business/entrepreneurship at Hiram College in Ohio, Sabugo will study Nursing at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, and Yoro will study Optometry at the University of Hawai'i Maui College.

Other valedictorians of Filipino ancestry include Shania Abut (Lahainaluna High School) who will enroll at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Alexa Narayan (Maui Preparatory Academy) who will enroll at Duke University, and Krystal Yagyagan (Lahainaluna High School).

As these high school valedictorians

of Filipino ancestry begin their next journey, some have offered words of advice. "My advice would be to keep working hard no matter how bad you feel like giving up and surround yourself with friends who motivate you to do better" said Danny Domingo. Nathalya Yadao had words of advice for next year's graduates: "I advise them to make the best of their senior year. Get involved with school activities, try something new, and plan for the future. And don't procrastinate because that gets you nowhere."

Sheena Garo, who enrolled at UHMC to get an early start on her college courses, also provided advice to the Class of 2018: "For next year's graduates, I recommend getting your ACT and SAT testing done by the first

semester of your Senior year. Start visiting your desired colleges over the summer, and apply for scholarships as soon as they are available. Make good friends with your college counselor as they will give you great tips and guidance towards obtaining a successful plan for your future. As long as you can put your heart and mind into it, nothing is impossible for you to achieve."

Indeed, with the commitment to do your best, nothing is impossible.

The Fil-Am Voice congratulates the Class of 2017, especially the valedictorians of Filipino ancestry. Good luck in your future studies and always remember that Maui is home and will be waiting for you. ☀

Alfredo G. Evangelista marched to



Pomp and Circumstance when he was graduated from Maui High School in 1976, the University of Southern California in 1980 and the UCLA School of Law in 1983. His family and friends lei'd him at each of his three commencement exercises.

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capital and operating subsidies for Maui Health System.

- \$6 million in Capital Improvement Project funds in FY18 for Maui Health System facilities repairs, renovations and upgrades.

In addition, even before officially assuming operations on July 1, Kaiser has already invested tens of millions of dollars in new equipment, systems and staff training. However, the needs of our hospital are great—greater than any one organization can provide for alone. This is why a partnership was necessary to ensure that all of us on Maui receive the best quality care possible. Just capital needs alone (facility maintenance, repairs and upgrades) are estimated at \$200 million. Solving the puzzle of improving healthcare on Maui requires a partnership trio—a partnership between the State, Maui Health System, and you—our community. You are the third piece of the puzzle.

So what exactly will happen on July 1? Dozens of teams and command centers will be set up within the hospital to ensure a seamless transition. The goal of all of this behind the scenes activity and planning is to minimize any disruptions to patient care. All of our incredible MMMC staff have been working hard during this time. An entirely new electronic medical records system, new processes and procedures, training and classes—our staff have been juggling these things along with their regular workloads and staffing challenges.

This is the largest privatization ever to happen in the State of Hawai'i. Change will take time, and many things will not happen overnight. But the success of Maui's only hospital needs you. Your donation can help us accelerate improvement. You can help us expand services so that you and your loved ones can stay on Maui for treatment, and not have to travel to O'ahu. A partnership between the State, Maui Health System and you is the prescription for success for our hospital.

As an exciting future stretches out ahead of us, together we can accomplish even more. The Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of care at our hospital for you, your family, your friends and neighbors.

Together we can help provide life-saving equipment, services and staff

Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation funds training and continuing education for clinical staff, spon-

sors community outreach programs, and purchases life-saving equipment for our hospital. Recently, the MMMC Foundation purchased a state-of-the-art surgical neuro-navigation system for the Operating Room, infant warmers for newborn babies, wireless EKG machines for all Maui County ambulances, ultrasound machines for the ICU, orthopedic surgical equipment, and much more.

Together we will assist patients in need of help—patients who are our family, our friends, our neighbors

Our breast cancer screening program funds mammograms and ultrasounds for Maui women who would otherwise not be able to afford these life-saving procedures. Our pediatric dental program helps kids with special needs to receive dental treatment in a hospital setting. We also have specific funds to help patients who are homeless, mentally ill, economically disadvantaged, or have specific diagnoses including angina pectoris, and Type 1 diabetes.

Together we will make Maui Memorial Medical Center the best it can be

On July 1 Maui Health System will begin working through a long list of priorities—expanding our stroke, cardiovascular, orthopedics and trauma programs. Reducing ER wait times, creating more integrated care for moms and babies, recruiting and filling vacant staff positions, and updating aging facilities. But they can't do it alone. Creating and maintaining a state-of-the-art hospital open and available for all of us here on Maui, requires a partnership trio—the State, Maui Health System and you. Please join us by making a donation to the MMMC Foundation—the new day is here, the time is now.

To make a gift to the MMMC Foundation, please call us at 242-2630 or make a donation on our website at MauiHospitalFoundation.org. Mahalo!



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Maui Pinoy

FAVORITE FILIPINO PARTY FOOD

Joena Grace Galacio
GUEST COLUMNIST

Editor's Note: Normally written by our monthly columnist, Vince Bagoyo, Jr., this month's Maui Pinoy column is guest authored by Joena Grace Galacio, a recent IT graduate from Bohol, Philippines.

Every Filipino has his/her own favorite food, depending on what province they are from, what Pinoy parties they are celebrating most of the time or what their mama or Lola (grandma) offered them on their plate while creating a simple joyous family party at home. Filipinos are fond of celebrating special occasions, such as graduations, weddings, 1st baby birthday parties, or just simply getting together with families and close friends. All of these special celebrations come with a feast of your favorite Filipino food. What better way to celebrate your special event and to share your home cooked Filipino dishes. Filipinos are known to be hospitable, and it's in their DNA to always share their favorite cuisine when you visit their homes. Here are some that you may remember that your own loving family prepared every time you are celebrating a special event with your family.

Lechon is a whole pig placed in a spit roasted over charcoal while wiping a brush made out of guava leaves dipped in Sprite. A typical Filipino family always has *lechon*. *Lechon* is never absent in every province, especially during fiestas, festivals, weddings, birthdays, church thanksgiving days or christening celebrations. *Lechon* is considered to be a main dish in every party. To be honest, everyone can't refuse having some good bites of crunchy skin and filling up their stomachs with the delicious meat. For me, *lechon* is like a



Lechon



Pancit

temptation food because other people are restricted to eat some of it concerning their high blood pressure problems. But I know a lot of my friends are still having a little slice on their plate and enjoying a little bit of their careful bites because their doctors are not around!

Pancit is a thin rice noodle dish fried with garlic and onion and some soy sauce or citrus—sometimes with *patis*, and some variation of sliced meat and chopped vegetables. It's one of my favorites. *Pancit* is mostly served at every Pinoy party. Most Filipinos believe that if you eat *pancit* you will have a long life because *pancit* is made from long thin rice noodles. And the thin long noodles could add a few years to your life. It's a common story I always heard from the elders from where I grew up

when I was a kid—and that's why it's one of my favorites, because I want to live long. Most of the time, Filipinos love to eat *pancit* with rice—Pinoy's are known to be carb eaters. *Pancit* is one of the cheapest foods that every Filipino family can afford to serve.

Humba is pork belly cooked in brown sugar, salted black beans, laurel leaves and banana blossom. It is popular in the central part of the Philippines.

Pork Humba is a delicious pork dish. It is usually served during important party occasions like town fiestas, wedding day celebrations or graduation parties. It is actually cooked similar to *pork adobo* but it has a distinctive taste. *Humba* reveals the sweeter taste, and the texture of the meat is softer than *pork adobo*. You could eat more rice paired with this food, as *Humba* is said to be an all time man food. *Humba* is one of my family's all time favorites. Remembering how my grandpa cooked *Pork Humba* before was really undeniably super delicious. Craving the pork belly while tasting the black beans and the banana blossom is really great.

Bola bola is made from ground



Humba



Bola bola



Dinuguan

beef or ground pork mixed with spices, vegetables and added with flour to form small shapes of balls and the small balls are deep fried. *Bola bola* is the ever-most famous and economical food. Many Filipino families serve *bola bola* every birthday. It is easy to make and it is meant to be a kid's favorite. Before you eat it, you dip it into the sweet and sour sauce. Never miss a chance to try *bola bola*; your heart (and your stomach) will suddenly fall in love with these meaty balls. *Bola bola* also creates a natural decoration form on your table because of its shapes.

Dinuguan is a stew of pork, typ-

ically lungs, kidneys, intestines, ears, heart and snout simmered in a dark gravy of pig's blood, rich with spices—most often chili, garlic and vinegar. *Dinuguan* may sound disgusting to others, but believe it or not, it is one of the most awesome favorite to every local Filipino in every occasion. Pinoy's are known to save every part when they slaughter a pig and saving the blood could really be the best way to have the best menu in every party. As for Filipinos, *dinuguan* is best to eat with *puto* or rice cake. But to some they make it *pulotan* style, or food eaten with alcohol during drinking time at their parties. ✨

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Graduation—It's a Milestone in Parenting

Musing of a parent whose daughter graduated from High School this year...

Liza of "A Maui Blog"

I still remember when my daughter graduated from preschool and kindergarten, she and her classmates were all so cute and sweet. Then there's the graduation from 5th grade—the transition from elementary school to middle school was a big deal because they were going to a different school. Then the graduation from 8th Grade to High School! High school is a very important milestone because it is the passage from being a teenager to being a young adult.

Each stage of life, each graduation, comes with new sets of challenges and growth.

As my daughter was walking the aisle with the white cap and gown during her high school graduation, I couldn't help but think of how quick-

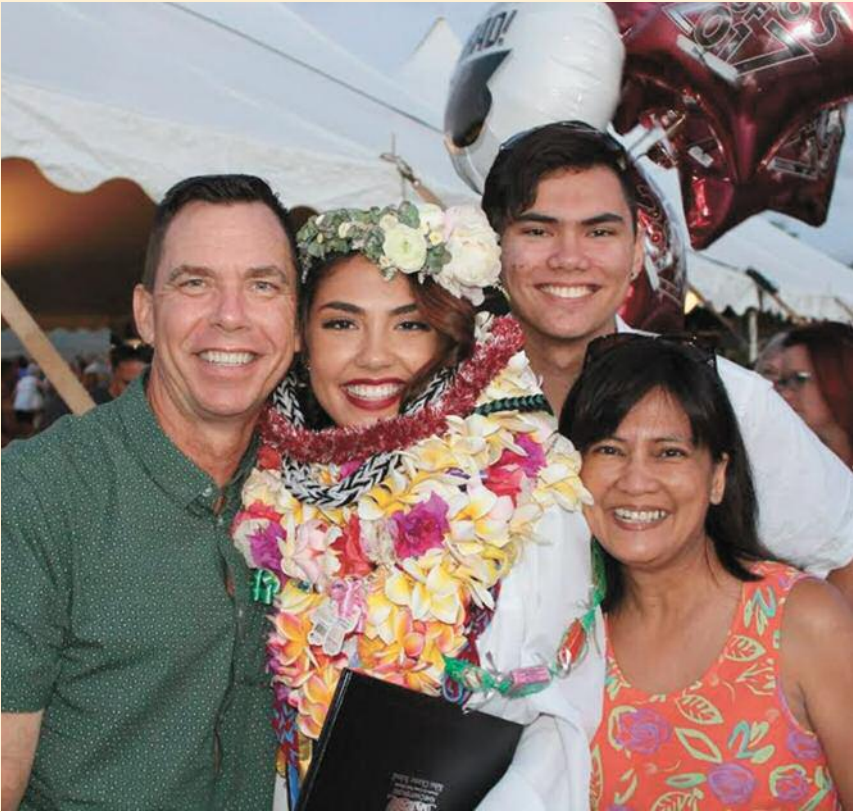
ly time passed by. My baby has blossomed into a beautiful woman, inside and out. Many thoughts came running through my head as I watched her go up on the stage to get her diploma... Let me share some of these musings with you...

"My baby has blossomed into a beautiful woman, inside and out."

... Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly

When my kids were little, I heard a teacher say that our job as parents was to help the kids "develop roots to grow and wings to fly."

That quote stayed with me through the years of raising my kids, but its impact hits me now more than ever... because now, after graduation, my daughter is moving "far away" from us, on to her college adventures. Yes, they have grown, and now it's time for her to spread her wings little by little. This mama



Noelle Pierce (center)

bird needs to let go of her baby birdie... not totally as I will still be watching her and will be available for her... but I will allow her to make more decisions for herself. She needs to be able to have that confidence and experience. I trust that she will make wise choices.

... God has a plan, a good future and a hope

One of my favorite Bible verses that I pray for my kids is Jeremiah 29:11 which says "For I know the plans I have of you says the Lord—plans of good and not of evil—to give you a future and a hope." "What are you going to do after graduation?" is a question each high school graduate gets asked. For some graduates, the answer came easy—they are going to college. Now it's only a matter of where and what course to take. However, for others, they are still trying to decide whether they are going to college or not. Some are still uncertain and need more time to decide.

My daughter would like to be a nurse someday. This is the path she wants to pursue. I am happy for her. I think she will be a great nurse. I am glad that the profession she chose involves serving others. God has a plan for her life and we must continue to






walk with God in prayer, for we know God will direct her path.

As I was sitting there musing, I also wondered. I wondered what other parents there were thinking. I wondered what other parents were feeling. Are you a parent of a high school graduate? Share your musing with us! We would love to hear from you. ✨



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Danielle Soriano from Preschool, Elementary, High School, and College.
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Honored Guest Speaker, **Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran** delivers Commencement Message to the UHMC's Graduating Class of 2017.
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'Tis the Season for Graduation!

Tassels, Oxford Caps, and Diplomas...

Chef Joaquin "Jake" Belmonte

As the symbol of your graduation, you may now turn your tassel from right to left," announces the school official. It signifies a turn of new beginnings with a new perspective in life. It is also a time for endings, such as the end of the school year. Graduation marks a milestone from Preschoolers to kindergarten. Elementary to middle school. Middle school to high school. And from high school to college. Graduation is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of another chapter in life that has created many moments into lifelong memories.

It's a joyous time for family and friends to gather together to show how proud they are of what the graduates have accomplished. If you have attended a graduation recently, surely, you have noticed that everyone is wearing the same outfit. A black polyester gown is not your normal everyday clothing. So what's up with the funny hats and tassels—what's that all about? Those hats are called "Mortarboards" because they resemble a tool used by bricklayers to hold mortar. In some universities, they are referred to as Academic Hats, also known as "Oxford Caps." The cap is made of a flat, square board attached to a skullcap and a tassel, buttoned at the center. Traditionally, the caps are paired with a gown, also known by others as a robe to complete the graduation attire, the "cap and gown." Based on research and history, the cap and gown is traced to the academic and clerical dress commonly worn at the medieval universities of Europe. These early universities didn't have buildings, so students would usually meet at churches. Because those churches were not temperature controlled, history tells us that students wore long gowns and caps to keep them warm.

Now that we've got your attention ... if you are curious about the tassels that hang from those funny Oxford Hats, often times, the color of the tassel matches the school colors. Special colors are used to represent specific degrees, subject areas, or achieve-

ments. It has become a tradition at many schools for all graduates to wear the tassel on one side until receiving their diplomas. After the graduating class is announced, the students then switch the tassels from right to left. But wait a minute, it is not over until the graduates also toss their caps into the air to celebrate. It is documented that hat-tossing started in Annapolis, Maryland in 1912. That year, students at the U.S. Naval Academy became officers for the first time and instead of having to serve two more years, they freely flung their hats into the air to spontaneously celebrate. Since then, the tradition continues each year, and it has become a custom at every university, high school, and even elementary schools worldwide.

In this issue, we feature graduate Danielle Soriano, Class of 2017, Culinary Arts Program, University of Hawai'i, Maui College.

Here is a dialogue of a Q&A interview between myself (Chef Jake) and Danielle Soriano.

CJ: Tell us a little bit about yourself. Who are your parents? Any siblings?

DS: My parents are Vanessa and Jayar Mangiduyos of Lahaina. I am the oldest of three. I have one sister, and one brother.

CJ: Were you born here? If not, how long ago or how old were you when you moved to Maui?

DS: I was born and raised in the Philippines, and moved to Maui in 2014 when I was 15 years old.

CJ: Growing up, what were your dreams and aspirations?

DS: I grew up in a family where cooking and eating is how we bonded. I've always enjoyed reading cookbooks and cooking with my grandmother at a very young age. She's my inspiration to take up Culinary Arts as my major.

CJ: Do you have a special academic achievement you'd like to celebrate?

DS: Yes, I have received several scholarships while in College. My team and I, won Gold in a competition in my Cap Stone class, Garde Manger. I am also a



Danielle Soriano celebrates with Staff, Faculty, and 2017 Graduates at UHMC Culinary Arts Program.
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Danielle Soriano poses for a shot with her employer **Chef Jojo Vasquez** of the Plantation House Restaurant at Kapalua, proud winner of the coveted 2017 "Chef of the Year" Award, presented by Maui Nō Ka 'Ōi Magazine.
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recipient and awarded the 'Aipono's Exemplary Graduate Award held in April at the Hyatt Regency, Kā'anapali.

CJ: Would you mind sharing the winning recipe?

DS: Not at all Chef! Here you go!
(*Note: recipe is also shown in sidebar)

Squid Ink Wonton Wrapper

1 egg
1/3 cup water
2 cups APF
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp Squid Ink
Seared Scallops
Season scallops with S&P and then sear.

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Chef’s Corner



UHMC Culinary Arts Program, Dining Room Instructor **Mark Malone** captures a moment to be memories with Culinary Graduate, **Danielle Soriano** at the 2017 Commencement
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Tassels...

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Glaze:
¼ c water
½ c sugar
1 Tbsp Soy Sauce
Pinch of Chili flakes
TT Salt
TT Lemon Juice
Diced Mango
Pickling Liquid
1 c Apple Cider Vinegar
Salt
Sugar
Pepper
Red Onions, Carrots, Cucumber

CJ: Are you currently working?
DS: Yes Chef! I am currently working at The Plantation House Restaurant, Kapalua under Chef Jojo Vasquez, Chef of the year 2017, Maui Nō Ka ‘Oi Magazine’s ‘Aipono Awards. I will also continue to be a Teaching Assistant under the professional training of Mark Malone at the Leis Family Class Act Restaurant for Dining

Room Service.
CJ: What are your plans now that you have graduated from College?

DS: I will continue to learn and gain more experiences by working in restaurants and with different chefs.

CJ: Any long term goals you would like to share?

DS: As for long term goals... while in school, I found the love in working in the Front of the House as well. I also enjoyed working in numerous Food Events, so I also plan to work in different upcoming events island wide. I intend to immerse myself in learning the “How to’s” in organizing events. One thing that also sparks my interest while gaining more experiences is I would also want to take part in the Filipino Food Movement. It’s a movement where Filipino Chefs promote Filipino Cuisine in all of its forms. We re-create and give Filipino Food an elevated and in-



Pictured here is Danielle with Outstanding Culinary Student Awardee, and Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce 2016 Scholarship Recipient, **Jayford Agbayani**.
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novative approach, and give it a whole new inspired interpretation. It’s fun and of course, always delectable!

CJ: What is the most valuable lesson you have learned as a college student? Or any word of advice to the next generation of graduates?

DS: As a college student, I’ve learned to go out of my comfort zone and I think that’s where you’ll start to learn more. And always give your best in everything that you do and be humble. Keep learning, keep reading, keep growing, and definitely, keep on cooking and dining to see what else is out there. It’s a non-stop learning! ✨



Chef Joaquin ‘Jake’ Belmonte Jr. is an alumnus and a Culinary Lecturer at the University of Hawai’i Maui College, Culinary Arts Program. Chef Jake is also a Maui HS graduate and he has worked extensively in the Food & Beverage operation at Fairmont Kea Lani Resort in Wailea. He currently is the Vice President of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce; Facilitator of Hawai’i National Great Teachers Seminar; Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 68; and an active member of the American Culinary Federation. Chef Jake was recognized by the Hawai’i Hospitality Magazine as one of the 2008 Top 10 Rising Chefs of Hawai’i Under 40 and was the 2009 Chef Representative of the Hawai’i Visitor and Convention Bureau’s West Coast Marketing Campaign. Happily married with two children, Mr. Belmonte is also a Small Business Owner and Operator of Maui Lifestyle Healthy Choice, a premier healthy vending company. You may follow his blog at mauilifestylefitnessmeals.com/blog or email him at lifestylechefmaui@gmail.com, and connect professionally at www.linkedin.com/in/jake-belmonte-0a277a39.

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Ating Kabuhayan

John A.H. Tomoso †



Just think how boring life would be without certain commemorations, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations. We are in the graduation season now. If your refrigerator door is

like ours, where invitation and other cards are put to remind us, then you are probably getting ready to attend a graduation and/or the party that goes with it. In fact, graduations are really “commencements;” they are “beginnings.” The graduates—be they son, daughter, niece, nephew or friend—are actually beginning the rest of their lives. Haven’t you and I experienced such commencing, such beginning?

A graduation, while being a “beginning,” is also a time for reflecting on all that has taken place; on all that has been accomplished, in one’s life. So, a graduation is time to celebrate the past, while looking forward to the future, and all that it promises. I recently came across a “List for the Wise” in a card that was displayed in the “For the Graduate” section. I think that when starting out anywhere in life, it is good to be wise.

So here’s the List:

- Remember where you are coming from because those who are sending you love you
- Be respectful to everyone, every day
- Give what you can to someone in need and your heart will guide
- It is good to tell someone you love them
- Love is simple, and kind and generous
- If you owe someone anything, pay them back
- Once you pay, give something to make someone’s life better
- Be charitable
- Always think before you speak, or write, or express yourself in any way
- You know what is right, which means you know what is wrong
- Say your prayers because God, who is always in charge of everything, hears you
- Help a child; help everyone you can and must
- Don’t forget to say “please” and “thank you”
- Make this world a better place

I like this List. I like it because it reminds me of things that were sent or said to me when I graduated. And I’ve graduated more than once, which means that I’ve had more than one “beginning”. I think this List reads like self-examination or validation of that of which one has or has not done. Even as I was writing this column, I found myself pausing after typing each phrase, as if I were checking my own life, my own “beginnings.”

Graduations are times to celebrate life and the accomplishments that go along with it. This List adds passion and compassion to life. It serves as a guide, a menu if you will, of how life’s accomplishments are always experienced through relationships with others. Indeed, a graduation is not a selfish reality. I think it is about how one’s life, and all that is accomplished within it. It is because of others who, themselves, have commenced, accomplished and well, graduated. Ah, it is about being wise, along life’s journey!

Have an idea or a comment or even a question, contact me at this email address: atingkabuhayan@gmail.com

Until next time, take care! ✨

A confession: I kinda dread providing keynote remarks at large gatherings. I've heard great speakers—the semi-professional toastmaster-trained ones who seem to enjoy being at the podium and move seamlessly from one thought to another. I generally have to work on it. My other challenge is I actually look at people's faces while I'm talking and I note their reactions as I'm speaking. So I was nervous when I was asked to provide remarks at the University of Hawaii Maui College (UH-MC) commencement.

Commencement speakers are expected to provide parting words of wisdom and encouragement. I previously provided some remarks at the 2013 commencement ceremonies on stage at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center's Castle Theater. So here's generally what I shared with the UH-MC graduates this past May.

You, and your friends and loved ones, have good reason to be proud today. When you come up and receive a token of the degree you've earned, you are marking both an end and a beginning.

And tonight you can start a new tradition as you come up to collect your diploma or certificate—give President Lassner or Chancellor Hokoana a tip. One or two bucks to show your appreciation for a job well done, and at a reasonable price.

Some of you may remember when the little towns of Kahului, Waihe'e, and Waikapū straddled the biggest towns on Maui—Pā'ia and Pu'unēnē and Wailuku, and the sugar mills that anchored the large sugar plantations that ringed and filled our central valley.

Sugar operations have now ended so we're in a time of change.

In only four years, Maui's landscape has changed noticeably—Pu'unēnē Mill's stacks no longer billow smoke into the air and the sugar cane growing in the central valley goes untended. The most visible crop—judging from Facebook posts are the sunflower fields planted by Pacific Biodiesel.

And the two new recreational parks that have opened at the edge of Maui Lani eventually will be the center of A&B's Wai'ale project district. More houses.

If you're what they call a "traditional college student"—someone who entered UH Maui College right after high school—what you know is only what you've experienced growing up over the last two decades. I would guess even those of you who have returned to school after taking some time off from formal education can relate more to your twenty-something year old classmates than old guys like me born in the nineteen-sixties.

If you grew up on Maui over the last twenty years, your cultural touchstones—the common experiences that show you live here—are different from those of my parents and probably my-

self and my high school classmates. Here's a somewhat updated cultural list from what I provided four years ago for you to consider—you can ask your parents or your older friends about them later if you don't get them:

1. You have never been asked if you wanted beans with your guri guri.
2. Your Maui County Fairs have always been at the War Memorial sports complex.
3. Naska has always been called Kanahā.
4. Your UH football team has always been known as Warriors rather than Rainbows.
5. The Maui News has always been published seven days a week.
6. If you live in Central Maui, shopping for groceries means Safeway, Foodland or Costco rather than Noda's, Ah Fook's or Ooka's.
7. The upcountry high school has always been King Kekaulike rather than Maui High.
8. Seabury Hall has always had male as well as female students.

Dinengdeng & Pinakbet

Commencement speaking remarks...

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

9. You have always had the choice of flying directly to the west coast from Kahului Airport without a Honolulu connection.
10. Our largest concert venue has always been the Maui Arts and Cultural Center rather than the Lahaina Tennis Stadium.
11. Krispy Kreme or Maui Specialty Chocolates are what you take as *omiyage* rather than Shishido man-ju or Komoda pastries.
12. Kaho'olawe or Kanaloa has been a cultural reserve and not a bombing range.
13. Hawaiian immersion education has always been a choice for you.

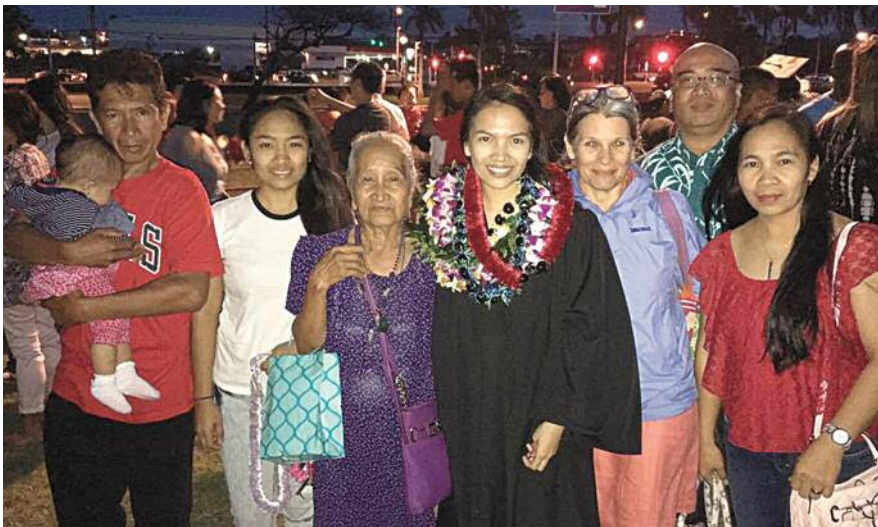
What this means is what you take for granted today as normal is subject to change.

The real world is life as you live it. And tonight marks a turning point for you.

So here are a few simple suggestions.

Live in the now.

One of the biggest difference in expectations between my parents' generation and mine is that they hoped, and planned, and even expected to find work in one company and spend most of their careers in that same



My niece **Bernadette Bumanglag Gamit**—having graduated that evening—and her family, posed for a photograph shown here, following the speech.

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company or field. My dad, for example, worked for over forty years for HC&S as a sugar irrigator. The fields outside Pā'ia that spread towards Baldwin Park were his fields for many years.

You're entering an even more challenging and connected world that's dynamic and quickly shifting. So be flexible.

You should be open to opportunities and challenges because change will come even if you're not ready. Life happens.

Take risks.

Or as we used to say in Pā'ia, *chance 'em*.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

You've already taken the opportunity to enroll here at UH Maui College and to pursue your chosen field of study.

Use what you've learned.

Be optimistic. You deserve to be here today and you've earned your degree.

But keep in mind that you're not and never should be defined by your level of education, or your credentials, or a title, or how much or how little money you're paid. Your education didn't stop after high school. Neither will your true education end today.

You'll find you can pick up something new every day and none of your education will help you if you don't *chance 'em* when you have a learning opportunity.

But if you need directions, ask someone. We don't get where we are without the support and guidance of other people.

Let me leave you with some notes of caution.

Another cultural touchstone is that Hawai'i Five-O is the longest running television show filmed locally.

Some of you older students and perhaps people on this stage may know that in my small kid time there was another Hawai'i Five-O that ran even longer than the current show. Different actors but the same setting—sun, surf, beautiful landscapes, and a lot of crime.

While the world has become closer

in many ways through globalization, much of the country and the world still views Hawai'i as an exotic place, a paradise. And people come to Hawai'i with romanticized notions about our lifestyle and our people.

It will be a challenge for you who stay here to reconcile our American-style economy with real respect for the authentic host culture.

You will also be operating in a world where your certainty and your sense of injustice can prevent meaningful dialog on many issues. Don't get me wrong, anger arising from conviction and indignation from principle have their time and place.

At your age, I was sure I knew more than my parents and their generation, and in certain terms, I maybe did. It's much the same way that my nephews and nieces intuitively know how to use my iPhone better than me.

However, looking back, I did not know better. So try and be better. Be *pono* even if no one else is.

And whenever you can, put your phone down, and have real conversations with real people. A *Washington Post* article noted:

"the [employment] skills necessary at the higher echelons will include especially the ability to efficiently network, manage public relations, display intercultural sensitivity and just enough creativity to think outside the box..."

One of the people interviewed "said people can hone those skills in this digital age by remembering to interact with other people.'" "[T]he most important skills to have in life are gained through interpersonal experiences," he wrote. "[H]uman bodies in close proximity to other human bodies stimulate real compassion, empathy, vulnerability and social-emotional intelligence."

New York Times columnist David Brooks wrote a book around the distinction between the resume virtues and the eulogy virtues. As he describes them, "the resume virtues are the ones you bring to the marketplace that make you good at your job. The eulogy virtues are the moral virtues. They

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Sakada Offspring

Lorelle Ann Solanzo Peros is a very busy individual wearing many hats. She is a UHMC (University of Hawai'i-Maui College) instructor, a wife, and a mother of two boys.

She was born Lorelle Ann Solanzo on April 1, 1970 to Loreto and Cion Solanzo of Lahaina. She is married to Jay Peros. They have two sons, Jeremy (14), an 8th grader, and Jarred (11) a 6th grader. Both boys attend Maui Waena Intermediate School.

Lorelle's father, Loreto was from Cabugao, Ilocos Sur. He came to Hawai'i in 1946 as one of the thousands of Sakadas in his early twenties and worked at Pioneer Mill Company when he arrived. He worked there for 36 years. His first job at Pioneer Mill was to irrigate the sugar cane fields. He also transported workers to the fields at the beginning and end of the work day. He became a truck driver later. He came to Hawai'i in search for a better life. As the eldest in the family, he came to Hawai'i so that he could also help support his family in the Philippines. According to Lorelle, her dad went back to the Philippines for a vacation and married her mother, Cion in 1957. Because of her teaching career, Cion opted to stay back in the Philippines for a short while but followed Loreto to Hawai'i in 1963. "Growing up, my parents always imparted on us the value of education" said Lorelle. "They worked hard and always wanted the best for us. My parents instilled in us from a very young age the importance and



Back Left to Right:
Cion and Loreto Solanzo.
Front Left to Right:
Janet, Lorna, Lorelle



Clockwise from left:
Jeremy, Jay, Lorelle, Jarred



Lorelle Ann Solanzo Peros

Lucy Peros | PHOTOS COURTESY LORELLE PEROS

value of education. My sisters, Janet, Lorna, and I were always reminded to work hard and do our best no matter what. My first and best teachers are my parents."

Lorelle was born on Maui and grew up in Lahaina. Her parents lived in Pu'ukoli'i Camp and then moved to Kelaweia Mauka in 1971. Her oldest sister, Janet and middle sister Lorna have memories of living in Pu'ukoli'i but Lorelle was just a baby when her family moved from Pu'ukoli'i Camp.

Lorelle attended Kamehameha III School, Lahaina Intermediate, and Lahainaluna High School where she graduated as class valedictorian. After high school, she attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Travel Industry Management and a minor in Speech. During her junior year in college, she went to Northern Arizona University as an exchange student. She was the only one at U.H. who went to NAU that year. The oth-

ers had gone to California and schools in the East Coast for the exchange program. She earned a Master in Business Administration Degree at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California in 1998. While she was in graduate school, she had the opportunity to travel to Chile for an international business class.

Loreto Solanzo, Lorelle's Dad passed away when Lorelle was only 12 years old. Her sisters were 16 and 18 years old. Her mom, Cion was faced with a challenge how to support her three daughters' schooling. Lorelle was in high school, and Janet just started her first year in college. However, with the grace of God, Cion was able to support her daughters. All three received their college degrees.

Upon graduating from U.H. Mānoa, Lorelle was a Rooms Division Management trainee at the Grand Hyatt Wailea. When the hotel transitioned to become an independent property, (Grand Wailea), she stayed and worked in the Housekeeping Department in various management positions. She left to continue her education at the University of the Pacific and upon graduation, she moved to the Big Island and was hired as an instructor for the Hotel Operations Program. She taught hotel and business classes at Hawai'i Community College. She returned home to Maui after a year and worked at Kapalua Bay Hotel managing the front office, bell and concierge department. She also worked as a lecturer at U.H. Maui College (formerly Maui Community College) and taught various business and hotel courses. She was hired full time at UHMC in 2001. She is currently an Associate Professor and Hospitality and Tourism Program Coordinator at UHMC. "Over the years," said Lorelle, "I have been privileged to be surrounded by many wonderful colleagues who have taught me important lessons for the classroom and life in general."

Lorelle received the U.H. Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award in 2007 and the Francis Davis Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006.

In 2009, Lorelle had her first trip to the Philippines with UHMC faculty members Debbie Nakama, Cyrilla Pascual, and community leader/Kabalikat Advisory Council Chair, Erlinda Rosario. The intent of the trip was to secure Memorandums of Intent/Agreement with higher education institutions in the Philippines such as Mapua Institute of Technology and Mariano Marcos State University. They returned there in 2012. Memorandums of Intent focused on the areas of student, faculty, and academic ex-

changes. Lorelle also had the opportunity to teach abroad and taught at Shanghai Normal University (SHNU) in 2010.

Lorelle is currently Co-chair for the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony Church, and was previously part of School Community Council (SCC) for Pōmaika'i Elementary School. At UHMC, Lorelle is co-chair for the Curriculum Committee, advisor for Hui Ho'okipa Club, member for system-wide committee for Student Equity Excellence and Diversity (SEED), and member of International Education Committee.

Jeremy and Jarred, Jay's and Lorelle's sons are actively involved in sports/school activities. Even with their busy schedule, Jay and Lorelle always attend and support the boys at baseball and basketball games as well as concert practice and performances.

"I truly believe that students excel as learners when they become active participants in their educational journey," said Lorelle. "Some of my students come to college knowing exactly what career path to pursue while others are exploring options in the hospitality industry. When guiding students in their educational journey, I believe that making connections in and outside the classroom is key. Learning doesn't stop once the class period is over." Lorelle also mentioned that she always shares the following quotation from Steve Jobs: "You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future."

"Education is one of those priceless 'dots'," says Lorelle. "Every experience is a learning experience, which will somehow connect to their future." ✨

Lucy Peros

is a retired school teacher, having taught for 32 years, 11 years at St. Anthony Grade School and 21 years at Waihe'e Elementary



School. Both of her parents, Elpidio and Alejandra Cabalo of Hāli'imaile, worked for Maui Land and Pine Company. Her dad was a 1946 Sakada. Lucy is currently a Realtor Associate at Peros Realty, the business her late husband Sylvester Peros, Jr. started 30 years ago, where her daughter Lianne Peros-Busch is now the Broker. Lucy devotes a significant amount of time to activities at Christ The King Catholic Church as well as babysitting her grandchildren.

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Balikatan 2017. Members of the 230th Engineers CO of the Hawai'i Army National Guard traveled to Panay, Philippines to construct two 2-room classrooms and distribute over 100 school bags and supplies for the children of Malitbog and Duran Elementary School.

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Southside Boxing Club Maui team from left Coach Tom Manangan, 125lbs State champion Jordan Manangan, Secretary Lani Visesio, 114 lbs State champion Kawaii Kaho'ohanoano Duldulao, Silver medalist 70lbs Brayden Nunes, Coach Nante Manangan, and 152 lbs State champion Micah Kuamoo. The State champions are heading to Charleston, West Virginia for the national championship on June 26-July 1.



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Phil Sabado poses with the twenty keiki who participated in the Keiki Art Party component of The Barrio Fiesta Experience during the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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The officers of the **Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation** (from left: President Zaldy Ugalino, Vice President Tante Urban, Secretary Elmer Tolentino, and Treasurer Rick Nava) pose in front of the replica Bahay Kubo (built by Board member Victor Campos and his crew) at The Barrio Fiesta Experience during the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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Melen Agcolicol (left) poses with her winning Ilocos Norte cultural village at The Barrio Fiesta Experience during the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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2017 Miss Barrio Fiesta **Kimberly Taroma** poses with the **Phenoms**, winners of the 18 and under division, of the Barrio Fiesta Basketball Tournament held in conjunction with the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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Veterans and active military pose after the Veterans Memorial Service held during the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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2017 Miss Barrio Fiesta **Kimberly Taroma** poses with her court and family prior to being crowned at the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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Members of the **Maria Lanakila Filipino Catholic Club** under the leadership of **Nora Takushi** (far left) celebrate Flores de Mayo.

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Kimberly Yap was crowned 2017 Miss Maui Filipina by 2016 Miss Maui Filipina **Ashlyne Rosalin**.

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Dance International Foundation president **Madelyne Pascua** (4th from left) poses at the recently concluded 2nd Annual Mrs. Ambassador of Culture and Dance International Queens' coronation: Miss International Jessica Juan, Mrs. Ambassador of Hope Paula Diep-Rapoza, Mrs. Ambassador of Love Lynn Araki-Regan, Mrs. Ambassador of Culture Vilma Loque, Mrs. Ambassador of Faith Young Shishido, Miss Kultura Jedd Ann Gadia, and Miss Hoku Li'i Naomi Anela Menor.

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Elizabeth Thomas was crowned 2017 Little Miss Barrio Fiesta during the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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The participants of the **greased pole contest** (the winner is standing, third from left) at the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta.

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July
29-30 PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL MOBILE OUTREACH ON MAUI For appointments or information call the County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Immigrant Services Division at 270-7791.

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September
16 MABUHAY FESTIVAL sponsored by Maui Filipino Community Council. Binhi at Ani at 10 a.m. Contact Greg Peros at 276-8771.

October
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tion and County of Maui. 10 a.m. at County of Maui Building. Contact Jake Belmonte at 283-6358 or Sharon Zalsos at 359-1616.

5-8 95TH MAUI FAIR War Memorial Complex.

14 MISS TEEN MAUI FILIPINA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT sponsored by Binhi at Ani. 6 p.m. at Binhi at Ani. Contact Michelle Santos at 264-0871.

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30 RIZAL DAY PROGRAM sponsored by Maui Filipino Community Council. Binhi at Ani. Contact Elmer Tolentino at 283-8145.

January 2018
21 55TH ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION held by the Santo Niño Club of Maui. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church at 3:30 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment at 6 p.m. at Wailuku Community Center. Nine Nights Novena prayer will begin on January 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church. Contact Liezl Oandasan at 276-5548 or via email at liz.oandasan@yahoo.com.

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Remarks...

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are the things they say about you after you are dead—whether you are honest or brave or caring or capable of great love.” Brooks argues that “we all know that the eulogy virtues are more important than the resume virtues, but we live in a society that puts a lot more emphasis on how to build skills than how to build character.” In short, he observed, “a lot of us are clearer on how to be successful than on how to be virtuous.”

Your sense of self is based on your character. In my own religious tradition, we refer to this notion as the golden rule: *do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. When I was growing up, Maui was a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. I came home after college because I believed that. I still do.

So I hope you know that whether you intend to or not, you can play a role in determining whether Maui Nui remains Nō Ka ‘Oī.

But try doing it with some humility and compassion.

Celebrate and share your humanity and your distinctiveness. You’re Americans. Or not. Native Hawaiian. Per-

haps Hawai’i-born. Filipino. Japanese. Chinese. Korean. Some other Asian. *Haole*. Or *hapa*.

You are sons and daughters. Brothers and sisters. Mothers and fathers. Friends and lovers. Never forget those blessings.

As you collect your degrees tonight, think about living in community. We live on an island. We are island people. And we are counting on you to keep Maui nō ka ‘oī.

Mahalo and best wishes for all your challenging tomorrows. ✨

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran provided the Commencement Address at the University of Hawai’i Maui College graduation ceremonies on May 11, 2017. He serves the Central Maui communities in the Hawai’i State Senate, where he is the Vice-chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Sen. Keith-Agaran was graduated from Maui High School and lives in Kahului. He practices commercial, civil and administrative law with Takitani Agaran & Jorgensen, LLLP in Wailuku.



What Do You Think?

On May 24, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte cut short his official visit to Russia to return to the Philippines after Islamist militants killed Filipino government troops in the city of Marawi on the southern island of Mindanao. President Duterte subsequently declared martial law for the entire Mindanao region, which under the current Philippine constitution can last for only sixty days.

Fil-Am Voice staff asked members of Maui's Filipino community "What do you think of President Duterte's declaration of martial law in Mindanao?"

Aggie of Kahului, with roots from
Abra: “Why only Mindanao?”

Angie of Makawao, with roots from Dingras, Ilocos Norte: “I am glad that President Duterte proclaimed Martial Law in Mindanao. If that’s what it takes to take the city Marawi in peace and order, then so be it. I haven’t been to Mindanao because I am always scared that I might get killed if I go there.”

Aris of Ha'ikū, with roots from Palawan: "With the rampage of the Islamist terrorist pledging their allegiance to ISIS, it is very important to mitigate this threat at the source. Declaring martial law will hopefully stop the spread of these terrorist, by taking a stand against them in this area. For years they have plagued that area, building their strength and growing. And now with the backing of ISIS, they will become a more dangerous entity. I feel the government must take a stand. I just hope that the people of that area will be helped and cared for by the government as their city is laid in ruins from all this fighting."

Bernadette of Kahului, with roots from Pinili, Ilocos Norte: “I think that the President knows what he is talking about and definitely knows what he is going to do. From watching the Filipino news and Facebook posts, I believe that he is a strong and dedicated leader. The Martial Law before was known to be a harsh memory for some people who experienced it. But how is it harsh if it is the only way for the Nation, especially Mindanao, to be saved from terrorists (ISIS)? I know a lot of people are questioning about this martial law but not saying a single word when it comes to any ideas how to make Mindanao safe and sound again.”

Cecille of Kahului, with roots from Bantay, Ilocos Sur: “The declaration of Martial law in Mindanao is a great move by the President. He is really the president of the people, by the people, and for the people. A president that has strong arm and iron fist. The Filipinos really need that martial law to protect them. The presdu30 is a leader who steps us in times of crisis and is able to think and act creatively in difficult situations.”

Dana of Upcountry, with roots from Negros Occidental: “Duterte’s martial law action is critical to protect our people from terroristic militant groups that have threatened our brothers’ way of life resorting to murder, hostage taking and kidnapping. He has vowed to eradicate them causing

the rebels to fight back, killing and destroying parts of the city. Can our military stop Abu Sayyaf, Maute? Can we once and for all eradicate evil especially terroristic groups that have pledged to ISIS and sickened our country? Clashes of conflict date back many decades. The Moro group has always fought for their political right and government. How are we to know that this war will not spread over our land? The president suggesting that soldiers put the law in their hands, raping and killing is dangerous

What Do You Think...

*of President Duterte's declaration of martial law
in Mindanao?*

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where many citizens are also law abiding. Many as of now are without homes, food, and separated from loved ones—our prayers are with them. Duterte has done many good things for our country, my hopes are that the president will not abuse his executive power.

Eliza of Lahaina, with roots from Pangasinan: “The Philippines has suffered immensely from martial law before. It creates an environment that is open to abuse of power, oppression and brutality. The sanitizing of this dark chapter will only allow history to repeat itself. We have already heard this administration nonchalantly speak about rape and murder. Why would anyone who is elected to serve and protect the people speak in this way? Who will stand up to this administration’s cruel tactics and ambitions and risk being vilified or violently targeted? My heart bleeds for my motherland and those who are voiceless against this tyranny.”

Erlinda of Wailuku, with roots from Leyte: “I fully support President Duterte’s declaration of martial law in Mindanao. It’s been years that these Islamic militants has to stop killing innocent people and it has to stop. A lot of families have fled the city of Marawi because they are scared for their own lives. I would like to visit Marawi in the future without fearing that I will get killed there.”

Geraldine of Kahului, with roots from Bantay, Ilocos Sur: “I don’t like it because plenty people will suffer like before.”

Girlie of Kahului, with roots in Pinili, Ilocos Norte: “Neither. I am in the middle of the discussion because I know from the start Mindanao is one of the dangerous places in the Philippines and I watched many bad news like bombing, killing, kidnapping about Mindanao from my younger years until now and I am very scared for all the people who will be affected. I am not mad about Mr. President about this decision because he knows that this is the best thing to do. Maybe he is very tired about killing, bombing, kidnapping that causes the Abu Sayyaf. I hope that after this Mindanao will be a safer place.

Lilia of Pā'ia, with roots from Matungao, Lanao Del Norte: “Although I did not vote for President Duterte, nor do

I support his extrajudicial killings of drug related suspects all over the country, I completely agree with his declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao. This is the only way for the Philippine government to actually access the deep, remote areas where these militants have long terrorized citizens. For decades since the early '60s, these militants have been killing innocent men, women and children and took over any property they wished. Bombings in public places is not anything new either. And I don't

think two months will be enough to truly stop these decades-long horror.”

Lyn of Wailuku, with roots from Badoc, Ilocos Norte and Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya: “Declaring martial law protects the people. With the unfortunate deadly happenings in that part of the country, the government must obtain the upper hand on these terrorist. Surely, there is great fear of the martial law because of what occurred under the Marcos regime, but fear of what is happening now must be curbed in order to go on living.”

Maryjane of Kahului, with roots from Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao: “I definitely support martial law. First

and foremost, I lived in Mindanao. My family, my kinship are still in Mindanao. Every day I communicate with them and they are happy and they are content. They feel 101% safer. The reason why they feel that way is because they really experience the difference how safer they are now and as long as you are a law abiding citizen, you are in good hands and secure.”

Norma of Wailuku, with roots from Santa Cruz, Zambales: “Due to fatal clashes involving the Muslim militants and the government troops in Mindanao, President Duterte had to declare martial law. I agree with the President’s declaration of martial law however, he must uphold the provisions of the Philippine Constitution. The 1987 Constitution limits military rule for not more than two months. If President Duterte needs to extend martial law beyond sixty days, he must obtain congressional endorsement. The Philippine Supreme Court can also rule on the legality of a declaration of martial law.

Ysazh of Kahului, with roots from Laoag City, Ilocos Norte: “I support President Duterte’s declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao because the city of Marawi has become lawless. These members of Abu Sayaff just do what they want, even if it costs the lives of innocent people. It’s about time that these members of the terrorists need to know that there’s a leader to keep them in order. And that is Digong!” ❄️

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Many Filipino families migrate to the United States to attain a better life, safe economy, and especially a better education for the children. Several students are slowly building their dreams at Henry Perrine Baldwin High School (BHS). Two of these ambitious students are Aleen Patricio and Joanah Leano—both at the prime age of nineteen and two of the many graduating top notch students.

Aleen Patricio, prospective U.S. Marine, was born in Negros Visayas, Canlaon City, Philippines. Aleen was raised in the Philippines where he spent most of his childhood on a rice farm, playing in the rain and swimming in the river. He was the last one in his family to be brought to Maui after his two sisters and parents settled in first.

His family is convinced that a good education, dedication, and passion can promise great achievements; a belief to which Aleen has adapted. For example, he walked to school in rainy or humid conditions and ignored all the hindrances that prevented him from achieving his goals. Despite being bullied because of his accent and ethnicity, he still accomplished many personal objectives. Aleen's friends helped him to become more confident and to adjust to the unfamiliar environment.

Joining Junior ROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) was one of the big factors that helped him to conclude what he wants to be in life. The program taught him to become a natural leader, to have personal courage, to be a reliable person and made him more passionate. "JROTC is not just about joining the military. It al-



Aleen Patricio

so exists to help students become successful," he stated recently after being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and platoon leader. Aleen expressed that being enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps lately was his greatest achievement, as it has been his desire to join the Marines and serve this country.

In addition to maintaining his grade point average, he is also engaged frequently in extracurricular activities. For example, he was elected as the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club's president, and also was elected to be the Kabatak Club's Public Relations representative. Many of his peers perceive him to be kind, reliable, funny, considerate and outspoken. One of his friends predicted Aleen to become a family man in the future, considering that he grew up in such a lov-



Joanah Leano

ing environment. Once inside the classroom, Aleen transforms into being quiet, yet attentive and becomes very studious, always turning in his work on time.

Juggling work, school and extracurricular activities is a tough time man-

Greatly influenced by her favorite subject, science, Joanah wants to explore different fields of the curative world, such as cardio surgery and pediatrics. Joanah is involved in several extracurricular activities including the Kabatak Club, where she is the Vice President, the Aloha Club, where she is a member, and the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decision) Club, where she was a previous Board member and planned events along with the other members.

Joanah has been a high achiever ever since she was young, always striving for the best. Her hard work for maintaining her grade point average of 3.9 to 4.0 helped her to land into an Advanced Placement Calculus class and the two colleges to which she applied. She plans to go to the University of Hawai'i-Maui College for her first year to take prerequisite courses and save money to transfer to a college in Honolulu or the mainland to pursue a career in medicine or nursing.

Having Ilokano as her first language gave her a hard time with speaking English. Her friends and cousins helped her gradually become fluent. "Go with the flow" became my quote, she shares with a smile. She further concludes that you should be willing to accept circumstances, learn from them and move on, in

order for you to be able to sail smoothly.

"My parents became my motivation to succeed," Joanah stated. She wants to make her parents proud through her accomplishments and does not want to let them down. She certainly did not let them down, being one of the senior students who was awarded the Academic Honor Certificate and the honors title, Summa Cum Laude.

Truly, these students are remarkable. Both are driven by the passion to pursue their dreams, despite difficulties. Their success to be top notch among the Class of 2017 graduates of BHS is an inspiration, not only for the youth of today but for all who have dreams and aspirations to flourish. Deep in our hearts, we share the same sentiments and struggles, values, heritage and pride.

"I wish Joanah the best of luck in the future. I hope she continues to pursue art, either for a job or as a hobby, I will Miss Aleen," their teachers said as they bid goodbye, hoping for the best while they carry on the wisdom that they learned in school and as an exemplary role models for the next generation. ✨

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This month's guest columnist is **Anastasha Aco**, a freshman at Baldwin High School, who maintains a 4.0+ grade point average. She serves in a variety of leadership roles and was cast as Andrina in MAPA's 2016 musical production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid." She enjoys drawing, acting, singing, dancing and hopes to become an architect.

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agement commitment for him, and sometimes results in sacrifice of sleep in order to get things done. Aleen claims his parents are the main reason why he held on for so long. "My parents gave up their time, resources, and sleep to fully guide me and my siblings to the right path," he said. In order for him to repay his parents for their love and care, he wants to make them proud and live a stable and comfortable life.

"Small things build up and revolve back to you" became Aleen's motto, suggesting that effort and commitment adds up, later opening new doors of opportunity and soon repaying you for your passion. Aleen Patricio's diligence paid off when he was recognized as one of the outstanding Cum Laude students in H.P. Baldwin High School's Class of 2017.

Joanah Leano, another recent BHS graduate, is fascinated with human anatomy and is a promising doctor. Joanah was born in San Isidro, Kawayan City, Philippines, where she is welcomed by her grandmother's warm pinakbet, Joanah's favorite Filipino delicacy.

Joanah was inspired to pursue a medical career from watching medical Korean Dramas, because of their realistic and detailed operations that caught her attention. This fueled her desire to be a doctor so she could help citizens in need of medical assistance, especially in the Philippines where the predominance of people cannot afford the medical bills and do not receive medical treatments.

In 2004, Joanah moved to Maui with her dad and younger brother, while her mom and younger sister stayed behind until 2010. During those years, Joanah felt the pressure of being the eldest, filling in the empty spot of her mother for her younger brother. This experience led her to become more responsible, compassionate, organized and considerate.



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