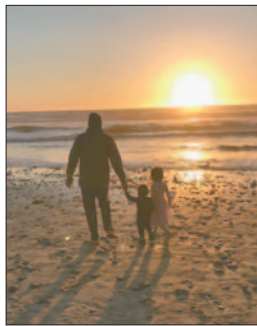




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Alexis Joy Vilorio

Alexis Joy Vilorio Leads the List

Alfredo G. Evangelista
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Each year, I scan the list of high school valedictorians—looking for easily recognizable Filipino surnames such as Arellano, Butac and Calibuso ... and I start counting. It's a sense of pride to learn so many of the top local scholars are of Filipino ancestry. Yes, it's real guesswork at times because in our multi-ethnic society, many of the high-achieving students have "non-traditional" Filipino surnames such as Asato, Hada and Zane.

I didn't have any blood rel-

atives appearing on the list; nor did my wife ... at least as far as we know. But one name on the Maui High School list of twenty-six stood out for me and the rest of *The Fil-Am Voice* family—Alexis Joy Vilorio—who has written for our newspaper since April 2020, initially as the Google Is Not Everything ... writer but recently writing lead and feature stories.

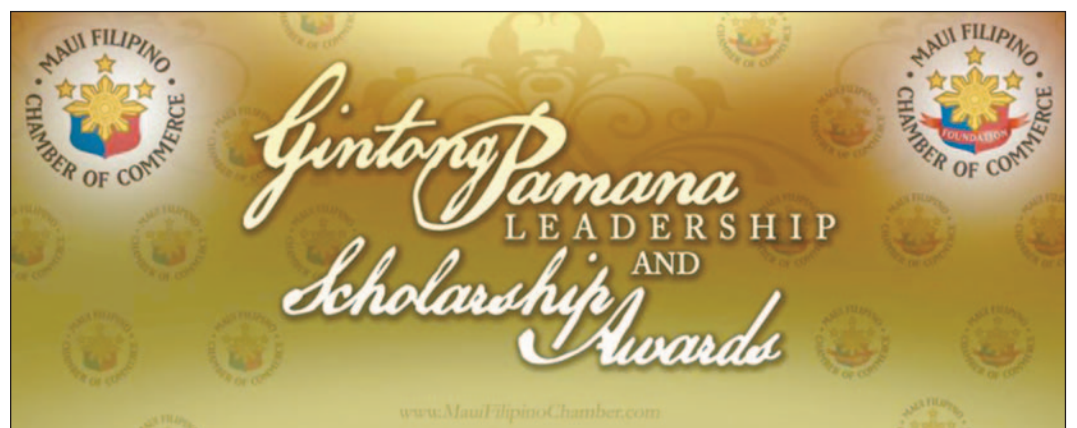
Alexis (her first name is used to avoid confusion with her cousin Abbygail who is a

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Casil and Mattos—2021 Gintong Pamana Leadership Awards Recipients

Elizabeth Ayson, Ph.D.

"The primary mission of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce is to promote, advance and stimulate interest and participation in business, industry, trade and commerce." To this end, the annual Gintong Pamana event celebrates leaders within our community with an award to recognize how their leadership has made a difference. Of equal significance, exemplary students are honored with scholarships to help them reach their goals, with funds donated by community members and fund raising activities of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation. [See Community in Action for list of Maui Filipino Cham-



ber of Commerce Foundation scholarship recipients.]

The Gintong Pamana Leadership Award recognizes the benefits to the community of those among us who emerge to take charge in a moment of crisis, in response to an identi-

fied cause that needs attention, and every time a group has incentive to produce a collective blessing. Glenn Casil and David "Kawika" Mattos are the 2021 awardees.

Glenn Casil has been in the hospitality industry for more

than thirty years, graduating from Maui High School. After completing an Associate Degree at Maui Community College, he earned a Bachelor of business Administration degree in Management at the

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Precious Kyle Arellano



Alexis Asato



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valedictorian at Baldwin High School), is the daughter of Alex and Juvy Vilorria. Alexis sported a 4.320 grade point average at Maui High School and was involved in several extracurricular activities: SaberScribes (Co-Founder, President, Hawai'i Scholastic Journalism Association Most Valuable Staffer Award); National Honor Society (Vice President); E-Sports (President) and HOSA (Treasurer, Historian, State Secondary Representative). She also won several competitions in Air Riflery (1st Place); HOSA Veterinary Science (1st Place State) and CyberPatriot (1st Place State).

As a well-rounded student, Alexis is

headed to Stanford University in the fall on a full scholarship and will major in Journalism and Anthropology. As the top-rated Valedictorian at Maui High School, Alexis gave the Valedictory Address at Maui High School's hybrid graduation ceremony.

Although the address was brief, it touched all the necessary points and with Alexis' permission is reprinted here.

Nearly four years ago, we stepped onto the campus of Maui High School, oblivious to what would become of us during our time there. Today, we reap in the glory of the hard work we all put in during those four years. Let's be honest, a lot of us are celebrating the fact that it's all over, but we must not overlook the journey we took to get here. From broken library sinks to late nights

studying to learning from home in a global pandemic, the resilience and experiences that we as a class share are rivaled by no other.

Today we cherish the culmination of the events of the past, but may we never forget the driving force that has propelled us into the people we are today. The future, as daunting and uncertain as it may be, has been put at the forefront of our priorities, and that is not by accident.

Upon my entrance into Maui High, I came with only one goal in mind- to go to college. As the first in my family to go to college, like many of us here, I often struggled to acknowledge my own successes in an effort to be where I wanted. Led by my passion to succeed, here I stand in front of you all giving the coveted valedictorian speech; to some a flashy show of rigorous academics, and to me a testament of success on behalf of all children of immigrants who have made immense sacrifices in hopes of a better life. A journey full of the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, there is one thing that has kept me striving towards success- the future.

Living by the motto of "College and Career Ready," it has been made clear that who we want to be in the future has forever shaped who we are in the present and allows us to observe how far we have come from the past. Whether you decide to become an engineer, a doctor, a zookeeper or an artist, the choices you make today will certainly determine what may inevitably happen in our future.

While we will never know the true significance of our actions in the present, we must NEVER be afraid of what is to come. So long as we remain resilient as we all are and brace for the impacts we will experience, both positive and negative, I am confident that we will continue to thrive as we take the world by storm.

Over the past four years, I have had the pleasure of observing the many strengths and talents possessed by my peers. It is without a doubt that we have the capacity to make an impact. In fact, we already have. From the moment of our arrival to Maui High to here, where we stand in the midst of an unthinkable situation, our class has undoubtedly made a mark in our time at Maui High School. We redefined academic standards and shattered the status quo as we took our goals head-on. Graduates, I can only ask that in the future, we continue to carry this spirit wherever we go, making the very world we live in better one action at a time.

For now, let us bask in this moment and be grateful for the journey that we have completed as we prepare for the next. To all who supported us, family and friends, teachers and admin, thank you for being the very foundation that we continue to build upon. To my fellow classmates in the class of 2021, thank you for the memories and may the future continue to push and motivate us to achieve all of our dreams. We did it!

The Class of 2021 faced challenges that were unthinkable when they entered their respective high school as freshmen in the fall of 2017. Who knew their Junior Prom and Senior Prom would be canceled? Who knew athletics, the band, and the cheerleaders would have less than four years to shine? Who knew classes would be held virtually? Who knew there would be greater emphasis on grades and community service as a means of getting their college match?

But through it all, the Class of 2021 endured, made their parents and family proud, and perhaps became closer as a class. Their resilience and ability to meet all the challenges in front of them proved they are ready to commence the next stage of their lives.

The 2021 high school Valedictorians (and yes, our apologies in advance for any errors, omissions or incomplete information) of Filipino ancestry include:

Lance Christian Abut, son of Larry Abut Sr. and Leah Flor Abut • Lahainaluna HS • Seattle Pacific University—Business Administration

Alexa Camryn Acosta, daughter of Glenda and Greg Acosta • Lahainaluna HS • University of California at Irvine—Business Administration

Abigail Akamine, daughter of Derrick Akamine and Normalyn Pagador-Akamine • Lahainaluna HS • Ohio Northern University—Pharmacology

Ashley Akamine, daughter of Derrick Akamine and Normalyn Pagador-Akamine • Lahainaluna HS • Pacific Lutheran University—Computer Science

Precious Kyle Arellano, daughter of Felirose Arellano and Romeo Arellano, Jr. • Maui HS • University of Hawai'i Maui College—Liberal Arts (Pre-Nursing)

Alexis Asato, daughter of Jonavan and Jocelyn Asato • Baldwin HS • Whitworth University—Music and Business

Caitlin Raquel Baclay, daughter
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Today, as an active member of Hawai'i Management Association, Casil serves as Chair of the Student/Executive Interchange Committee.

With acute attention to detail towards strategic planning and flawless execution, he is adept at building relationships, teams and mentoring talent, with a focus on creating customer loyalty. Possessing sound financial acumen with operating budgets, principal & interest, and achieving profitability goals, Casil is an effective problem solver. Beginning his career at the Hyatt in housekeeping and Front Desk positions, Casil moved to the Westin to become Director of Rooms, Hotel Manager and now Director of Operations at The Westin Wailea Villas, being an integral part of the opening team for the resort. With a history of effective leadership, he is recognized for helping to shape the future of the industry.

Community service is one of Casil's passions, participating in island wide initiatives, such as the Maui Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up, and other cleanups/restoration projects. Volunteer efforts include mālama activities in Honokōwai and Honokōhau as well as the windfarms at Kaheawa. Beyond the physical work, he gives time and energy to fundraise, donates food to the Maui Food Bank and gifts to the



Glen Casil
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Salvation Army Angel Tree program, and has served dozens of our elderly during the Kūpuna Dinners held during the holiday season. Known as a communicator, Casil enjoys guest speaking invitations to the local college hospitality classes and doing Mock interviews at high schools to help students prepare and practice interviewing skills.

Family first is demonstrated in the success of his two children, one who recently graduated from Washington State University and the other, a medical student on O'ahu. With his wife, an educator at a local elementary school, they are primary caregivers for Casil's father, who clearly instilled the values of hard work and family.

As one observer writes in a summa-



David "Kawika" Mattos
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ry, "He is a fine example of a strong and caring Filipino leader. He mentors those that work and with him. He helps those in the community. He influences the youth and students to become our future leaders and he embodies what being a family-first husband and father represents."

David "Kawika" Mattos is introduced by a supporter with "His journey towards selfless service and leadership to the community began as a program manager for the Maui Youth and Family Services boys and girls Residential Intensive Program (RIP). Later he became a foster parent and provided a home for five boys. After several years as a foster parent he became the Director for Maui Central Boys & Girls Club, followed by three

years as Executive Director on Hawai'i Island. Upon returning to Maui, he took the reins at the Paukūkalo B&G Club for five years, helping to make it the most attended and thriving club on Maui. Eventually he became the Central Maui Island Area Director. He has provided guidance, mentoring, and a safe environment for the children of our community and established a culture of respect during his time with the Boys & Girls Clubs." Of his life as community servant, "he has worked in the most difficult and challenging environment for many years. He has served the high risk, underserved, and critical areas of our communities. He has the biggest heart, dedication, and patience to serve our community selflessly."

After attending the University of Hawai'i-Hilo to study Business Administration, Mattos moved to Maui and started his family, to which he gave full devotion. For him, his "greatest success is being married for thirty-four years, raising five respectful adult-children of which we adopted two biological brothers in foster care and being a positive role model to many people."

Today, Mattos serves as the Program/Supervisor & Facilitator of Kane Connections, a program that teaches men that any man can father a child but there is so much more to the important role of being dad in a child's life. As a member of the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood, Mattos served as Chair for two years and is credited for reviving and revitalization

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Getting vaccinated helps prevent you from getting COVID-19, so you are less likely to spread it to others – especially those who are more vulnerable to severe illness and even death.

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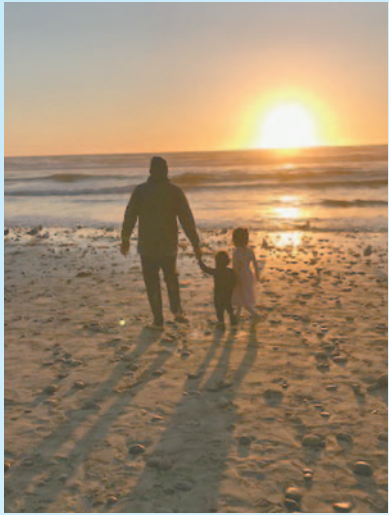


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Spending time with our grandchildren is a blessing from God.
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Getting Old Is Unavoidable ... Living It Is a Choice

Ageing is a beautiful gift from God the Holy Bible reminds us in Proverbs 16:31 “Gray hair is a crown of glory, it is obtained by following the righteous path.” And Proverbs 20:29 says “The glory of the young is their strength, gray hair of experience is the splendor of the old.”

This editorial is very personal to me—since I’m at that age of being part of the Golden Years. But, would you say, there’s nothing golden about being old? I can honestly say I’m excited about the future—of being a part of the golden years—and I can hardly wait for what lies ahead.

In a few short months, I’ll be celebrating my 68th birthday (whose counting?!) and I must admit, there will not be enough

room for the candles on my birthday cake this year—and I must admit, it is daunting! This editorial is not about glossing over the debilitating conditions that come with growing old but rather about accepting the maladies our bodies experience and creating memories for a lifetime. I must admit, I am strangely excited for the next chapter of getting older.

I find the older I get, the more comfortable I am. After all, with age comes experience, wisdom, peace and spending more time with our grandkids. I consider this a perfect way to age.

Getting older should be a time for celebration! And there are plenty of ways we can age with grace, beauty and happiness. It doesn’t mean romance with your spouse or partner is coming to an

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of the organization after many years of inactivity. Through his diligence and determination, the Commission activated its mission to promote healthy family relationships by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children. The Commission serves an advisory function to state agencies and makes recommendations on programs, services, contracts policies and laws relating to children and families. Also, Mattos’ involvement with Early Childhood Action Strategies (ECAS) helped to further their focus on supporting families with new-borns to six years old to involve fathers with their families. Finally, Mattos is part of the Nā Leo Kāne, an organization under the State Department of Health (DOH) that focuses on the prevention of family and children’s physical and sexual violence and abuse.

Serving the community in many ways, he was keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Hawai’i State Fatherhood Conference in 2018, helped to organize the 14th Annual Celebration of Fathers, Ho’olaule’a O Na Makua-kane on Maui. Currently Mattos teaches life classes at Aloha House to

men and women on relationships and cultural practices that focus on trauma and personalities. In the Maui Community Correctional Center (MC-CC) system, he works with incarcerated men through their re-entry coalition.

Casil and Mattos, together with the Scholarship Recipients, will be honored during the Gintong Pamana Leadership and Scholarship Awards Banquet held on Thursday, June 29, 2021 which will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Maui Beach Hotel. Advance tickets are available at \$75 each if purchased by June 15, 2021 and \$100 thereafter. ✨

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The month of June is the month of celebrations especially for the graduates. This year, we made history by having the first graduates who did virtual learning. Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2021.

Let's not forget that in June we also celebrate Father's Day. We

Let's Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

thank all the fathers for being able to celebrate last month's Mother's

Day. This month, we thank all the mothers for being able to celebrate

Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures. Thank you for your unconditional love and support you give to the children.

Let's visit Angel and Michael and see what's going on with this month, shall we?

MICHAEL GOES IN for another *anggo* (kiss) and grabs her *kamot* (hand).

"Go pack some *damit* (clothes) and your important stuff," Michael says.

"Huh? Where are we ...," Angel tries to ask.

"Away from here ... *Alistuam* (hurry) and meet me outside," Michael firmly says.

"Only the important ones," Angel thinks while she hurries to her room.

"What am I packing?" she asks herself.

She opens the closet and grabs the backpack Rosie gave her and walks towards the bed and looks around the room.

She grabs her toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush and a hair clip. She opens the drawer, takes a couple of shirts, underwear and a pair of jeans. Then she reaches for the sweater hanging in the closet.

"This is the only important stuff I have with me," Angel says and hugs the sweater. It is the sweater she was wearing when she left the Philippines.

Her *Tatay* (dad) gave her his secret stash of *pera* (money) he earned from gathering bottles and cans and selling it to a recycling place near the market when he was still able to work. He told her to buy herself a gift for her 18th birthday. She decided to buy a royal blue sweater and Converse shoes. Royal blue is her and her *Amahan* (dad's) favorite color.

She takes her pair of shoes underneath the closet. She unwraps the plastic bag and there it is, her very worn Converse shoes.

"I know this is old but it's the only thing that keeps me going. My remembrance to my family who sacrificed a lot especially my *yama* (dad)."

She wraps it back with the plastic bag and neatly puts it in her backpack. Then she wipes a tear at the edge of her eyes.

"Are you almost done?" Michael

pops his head at the *ganhaan* (door).

Angel frantically loads things from her restroom. White Flower, Eskinol, and Snail White. Tossing cotton balls and Q-tips into her small bag.

"Why are you taking that stuff?" Michael snerks.

"Girl survival stuff!"
Angel rolls her eyes.

"Just load the essential stuff Angel...," says Michael.

"Eskinol is essential Michael. It's the secret to having a clear and young looking nawong (face)." Angel points to the bag.

Angel quickly grabs the dress from him and presses it up against her body as she poses for him. "Do you like it?" she asks him with a smirk in her smile.

Michael stares wide eyed, holds his breath and doesn't say anything.

Angel laughs and while tossing it aside and winking at him says "Later."

Michael stumbles over her shoes and tosses sandals and sneakers into

another bag.

Michael finishes bagging all her *malan* (clothes) in two shakes. She really doesn't have very much.

He pops up and asks. "Angel, sweet *rupa* (face), are you done?"

"Yes, I am done," she says nervously.

"*Alistuam* (Hurry), let's go." Michael grabs the backpack from her and then grabs her *gamat* (hand).

"Where are we going?" Angel asks.

"Just lock the *pintuan* (door) and let's go to the *sasakyan* (car)," says Michael.

Angel looks around the *balay* (house) then locks the *puwerta* (door) with her *pang'able* (key).

They walk to the *sakyanan* (car) hand in hand.

Michael opens the passenger side of the *kotse* (car), only to crash straight into his own fender and fumble his *susi* (keys). Then Michael walks to the driver side, jumps in and fires up his *lugan* (car). He smiles, turns to Angel and asks, "Where do you want to go *maganda* (beautiful) lady?"

"Huh?! I thought you had a plan."

"Let's go to my place for a while. Mom's not home yet. I need to grab a few things there," Michael says firmly and presses the button to turn on the *saken* (car).

As they pull out of the driveway and Angel turns around to look at the *bahay* (house), Lydia's voice and thoughts of cries and shouts run through her mind. Not the greatest memories but memories indeed and in a sort of way this horror palace is all she knows and has been the closest thing to "home" in a long time.

She turns back to face Michael and smiles. "This quirky man. Here to take me away, huh?" she looks forward blushing, forward to her new future, wherever it leads.

As they turn onto Hāna Highway, a man stands at Lower Pā'ia restroom snapping camera shots of the *lugan* (car).

Another man snapping pictures at them? Or only of Angel?

Who is it this time? Will they be able to get away without any altercation or confrontation?

Keep an eye out for the next issue. Please visit us on our facebook page and leave us a comment or idea at www.facebook.com/filamvoicemaui.

I'm Dulce, helping you to master your Filipino Languages. Like always, let's laugh, let's *makinig* (listen), and Let's Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!).



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is a licensed Resident Producer of Life Insurance with World Financial Group and an Independent Consultant of Saladmaster. She is now part of Saladmaster's Travel Club and won an all-expenses paid trip to Cancún, Mexico. Butay has traveled to Texas, the Philippines and Thailand as one of the delegates from Island Healthy Solutions, a Saladmaster dealer here on Maui.



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Enjoying a cup of coffee with other seniors in the morning helps bring me a relaxed day every weekday.

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end. On the contrary, it is an exciting journey having more time with each other, not worrying about going to work or getting your young children ready for school.

Getting old is unavoidable ... and we must learn to accept it. Let's face it. None of us like the idea of getting older. Becoming older will inevitably come with various issues: body aches, arthritic symptoms, bladder issues that keep waking us up in the middle of the night. Time keeps slipping into the future at a faster rate and as the years go by, our once youthful bodies begin to feel the wear and tear from years of use and unexpectedly, the loss of mobility becomes a reality. Oh, how we wish that we could turn the clock back from the days of our youthful activities. We realize a once vibrant young body is now frail and we no longer have the energy to bounce back.

I have learned from my parents the goal of getting old is to live life to its fullest while we are living: be full of joy, laughter, contentment, forgiveness, happiness, vitality, resilience, hope and optimism. The goal is to love and be loved, to make a difference to someone. A good life should be the aim of any person no matter what our age; and living a good life is how we can confidently ensure we age with grace and venerable dignity.

Above all, we must believe in our birthright of choice. We are born with a gift—freedom of choice. Ultimately, the life we have is what we make for ourselves and for those who matter most to us. In order to reach personal fulfillment, each of us is unique, yet we are at our best when giving sincere commitment of service to others for the betterment of our common good. We do

this through efficacy, belief in self built upon others belief in us!

Choice. Stress is a choice—define the issue; take care of it; move on. Joy is a choice—find what makes you happy; do it often. Outcome. Take care of you, so others can, too!

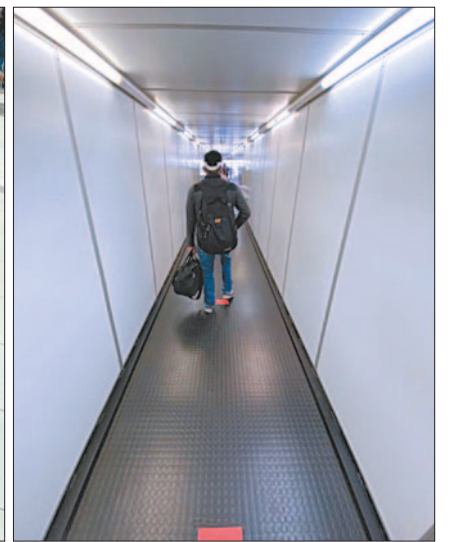
So, what are some of the secrets of aging gracefully, and how can we ensure our best years of getting older are yet to come? Here are some of my favorites:

- Weekly dinner with my wife at our favorite local restaurants.
- Spend time with our grandkids and families frequently.
- Write a daily journal on God's blessings and His amazing grace.
- Avoid stress by tending to our flower garden.
- Get plenty of rest/sleep.
- Laugh often. Laugh hard. Laugh long. Laugh with others. Laugh at myself most of all.
- Move often by our daily walk (10,000 steps minimum).
- Never too old to learn something new.
- Exercise our mind by reading a lot, discussing ideas, exploring new concepts.
- Stay curious, like a child.
- Embrace simplicity.
- Celebrate our blessings by being ever grateful, expressing appreciation.
- Be creative by making something for someone.
- Communicate, keep connections strong.
- Be kind. ✨

Vince Bagoyo

VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR

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Very strict adherence to reduce exposure risks. Airport seating benches had plastic partitions between seats, limited seating and access to the terminals until close to your boarding time, and floor markings on the jet way that people were respectful, compliant and really adhered to.

Traveling Amidst a Waning Pandemic

Errol Buntuyan, M.D. | ALL PHOTOS COURTESY DR. BUNTUYAN

As we enter the middle of the year, many people have Summer and Fall travel on their minds. With the positivity rates going down in the County of Maui to the lowest in many months (0.8 % at the end of May), our island home is a cov-

U.S. travel, most of the other states have unrestricted entry, often exempting folks that are vaccinated from such rules or only suggesting/recommending self-quarantine upon arrival for those unvaccinated individuals. Before travelling anywhere in the U.S., one should check each specific state's travel requirements.

Maui residents are doing fairly well in terms of COVID-19 vaccinations with 43% completed and 55% having initiated the process with one shot. With the Pfizer vaccina-



View from high above the city (left) of Machu Picchu as you walk in from the Inca trail. Masks were mandatory and we always had to carry our face shields and hand spray. Ruins can be seen in the top of the mountain backdrop of Wayna Picchu, which was closed but normally you can climb up in less than an hour.

A view from inside the city (right) overlooking what is believed to be a gathering square or plaza.



eted destination for many. We can see this trend in the increased traffic, busy restaurants and hotels in the main tourist spots. It certainly feels like we will rapidly approach the pre-pandemic state of transpacific travel. With COVID-19 vaccinations increasing nationwide and pre-and post-arrival testing easier to navigate, people are venturing out to fly to enjoy some long-deserved vacation time. Being vaccinated has really given a lot of people the confidence to travel again.

Hawaii has the strictest travel program to get into our state with the Safe Travels program. For domestic

tion open to those 12 years and older, we saw an uptick of people being vaccinated. We still have a way to go to achieve the 70-85% mark for our island to attain herd immunity.

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The NBA play-offs are still going. But my Golden State Warriors and Steph Curry are done ... again. But then so are the Lakers. Unless you're a Jazz or Suns or Bucks or Sixers or Hawks or Nuggets or [Mavericks/Clippers] or gasp, Nets, fanatic, do you really have any reason to still care?

Anyways, real sports fans know Summer is baseball time (just ask Bum fan Roger Kahn).

I've seen and felt it the last couple of weeks during dog walks at Central Maui Regional Park—as girls softball

earnest while attending Berkeley. We saw the early careers of players like Will Clark, Robby Thompson and Matt Williams, with veterans like Jeffrey Leonard, Chili Davis and Candy Maldonado and manager Roger Craig moonlighting in the dugout during the Spring and Summer and on the gridiron in the Fall and Winter. My Rotisserie Baseball partners and I—all diehard Giants fans—had a few of them, including pitchers Scott Garrelts, Dave Dravecky and Attlee Hammaker on our roster (which may explain why we never contended regularly—we drafted and kept players we liked rather than trusting the sabremetrics).

Those were also the guys we had during the Bay Bridge World Series against Oakland. We lost that earthquake World Series but the changes brought by that natural disaster to the San Francisco city shoreline resulted in some iconic

changes.

Bob Lurie sold the team to folks who wanted to keep the Giants in the Bay Area.

Then former Hawaii Islander Barry Bonds came home to the Bay Area and we built a new stadium in China Basin and in 2002, these West Coast Giants behind Barry, Jeff Kent, JT Snow, Jason Schmidt, Benito Santiago, Rich Aurillia, Kenny Lofton, Robb Nen and manager Dusty Baker finally won a World Series after collecting five in New York. We beat the Anaheim Angels in six games (I don't recognize what happened after we led 5-0 with Russ Ortiz dealing in game six).

We Fans remain confident we always know better than the front office. Zaidi should have traded MadBum when our ace had more value (rather than letting Arizona sign him away). But then again Farhan can't be trusted because at heart he's still a dodger. The bum should try and win while we still have fairly productive Buster Posey, Brandon Belt and Brandon Crawford.

He named former Phillies manager Gabe Kapler to follow Hall of Famer Bruce Bochy (Waiākea-native Kai Correa is a bench coach). Picking up talent wherever he can (through trades, waiver claims and what looks like big gamble free agent signings), Zaidi added OF Mike Yastrzemski (Orioles trade), Utility Mauricio Dubón (Brewers trade), IF Donovan Solano (free agent), OF Alex Dickerson (Padres trade), IF Wilmer Flores (free agent), OF Mike Tauchman (Yankees trade), 1B/OF Darin Ruf (free agent), 2B Tommy La Stella (free agent), IF LaMonte Wade, Jr. (Twins trade) and 3B Evan Longoria (Rays trade) to farmhands like OF Steve Dugger (2015 draft) and Austin Slater (2014 draft).

Giving Farhan his due, the Zaidi plan appears to be ahead of schedule.

For a team known for playing classic National League small ball (former Giants third base coach Tim Lincecum joked about the number of RTIs—runs thrown in—scored by SF) with good pitching (Timmy-Horse-Peavy-Mad-Bum-Vogelsong-Hudson), solid bullpen (#FearTheBeard, Romo, Casilla, Affeldt, López) and dependable defense (Crawford, Panik, Pence, Posey, Belt),

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Mid-June sports in review

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

and youth baseball keep the ballfields active (one of the things Mike did right during this pandemic was letting the kids play outside, safely and with proper safeguards).

And major league ballparks are beginning to allow more fans in the stands. Promising vaccination rates auger the national pastime is back.

I suppose that's a great sign we're moving back towards a measure of normalcy.

And a good start by my San Francisco Giants is perhaps another.

My Giants won three World Series in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Odd years weren't so great—injuries, bad luck and all the other intangibles that happen. That's baseball.

Once the consecutive sell-out streak ended at PacBell-SBC-AT&T-Oracle (the name sponsor has changed over the years) and Timmy, Matt Cain, Barry Zito, Hunter Pence, Panda Sandoval and Bruce Bochy and Dave Rhigetti departed, baseball in the Bay felt different. Wait till next year has come earlier and earlier in the season.

The nucleus of those championship teams—Buster Posey, Brandon Belt, Brandon Crawford and Madison Bumgarner still flirted with more post-season magic in the years that followed. But I think they were running on the fumes of their success. Last year, the Giants teased a post-season through the final week of that unusual COVID-19 season (even with Buster opting out of the short schedule).

Newbie fans were no doubt spoiled (they never sat through doubleheaders or free baseball at Candlestick). But when the hated Dodgers began winning again (and making a habitual mockery of the rivalry season after season) and we hired Farhan Zaidi away from LA and shifted Brian Sabean to a different role in the front office, we were living in a very different world.

I don't consider myself one of those Johnny come lately fans (a wise man has observed that a city that doesn't have a band wagon when the local team starts winning doesn't have any real sense of community).

I grew up as a fan small kid time in Pā'ia (even if our pee wee and little league team were Yankees).

I started following the Giants in



(Above) Giants fans Kallie Keith-Agaran, Lydia Coloma, law school classmate Mark Flanagan and the author pose during a game in 2013.



(Left) The author and former San Francisco great Barry Bonds during the 2018 weekend when the Giants retired his #25 uniform.

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In the southern part of Peru, the city of Arequipa was built with white volcanic sillar rock by the Spaniards in the colonial period, thus it is referred to as the "White City."



Me, posing next to one of many Inca wall structures in Cuzco of which churches, convents, residences, and now a hotel is built upon.




A Cusco street vendor, selling locally made alpaca/wool cold weather gear.

Travelling abroad is an entirely different situation. Many countries do not have as much access to vaccines and their COVID-19 infection rates are surging. Proof of a negative test no more than 72 hours before arrival in foreign countries is necessary in order to obtain a boarding pass. Oftentimes, post arrival testing is offered at the airports and hotels to bypass mandatory quarantines. Even with negative post arrival results and completed vaccinated status, some countries still enforce a multiple day quarantine in a designated hotel. Keep in mind, some foreign destinations are still in lockdown with nightly curfews and/or full day shutdowns, thus many businesses and tourist sites may still be closed. Double masking and face shields are mandatory in some countries and temperature checks are common before entering any indoor setting like restaurants and shops. Safety requirements

of social distancing, masking and hand hygiene are still in full effect in many areas outside the U.S. Returning to the U.S. from a foreign destination can also pose a challenge. A negative antigen rapid test will suffice to get into the mainland port of entry states, but a PCR test is needed to enter Hawaii which is usually more costly. Currently, only a few international countries (Canada, Taiwan, Korea, Japan) have trusted testing partners that are accepted. Please refer to <https://hawaiicovid19.com/travel-partners/> to get the latest list of accepted partners. The good news is some airport hubs (e.g., SFO, LAX) have rapid testing available in the terminal before boarding the flight. The Safe Travels QR code can be checked at the gate before the transpacific flight and you can receive a wristband, bypassing the line once you

land on Maui. You can go straight to baggage claim if you already have the wristband. Hawaii state officials have been piloting the exemption of interisland travel COVID testing for those uploading proof of vaccination. Hopefully, this testing exemption for vaccinated individuals will expand to include all transpacific and international flights entering into our state. So, it is highly encouraged to get your vaccine completed before you even consider travelling. Although the current situation for travelling in and out of Hawaii seems cumbersome, it really has helped keep Hawaii at the lowest rates of infection in the country. It takes a lot of planning and research if you plan to travel to a foreign country during this time, so

please check the travel requirements for any and all destinations you desire to visit. Doing a deep and meticulous dive can save you a lot of time and money in the long run as well as ensure your safety from COVID infection.  **Errol Buntuyan, M.D.** is a Family Medicine Practitioner and the Physician in Charge of Maui Primary Care at Kaiser Permanente. Born in Quezon City and raised in Southern California, he has been practicing medicine on Maui since 2007. Dr. Buntuyan promotes whole food, plant based nutrition, regular physical activity, stress mindfulness and sleep hygiene as keys to optimum health and wellness. He enjoys cooking, playing tennis and travel.




Sports ...

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Zaidi has a roster that has been regularly hitting dingers (he did bring the fences in a little by moving the bullpens to the outfield). Crawford and Posey already have double digit home runs, with Longo and Belt likely to join them soon. And others ON the roster are collecting quality at-bats and posting a lot of crooked numbers. Zaidi has surprisingly hobbled together a rotation of former Reds hurlers Kevin Gausman (free agent),

shimmying Johnny Cueto (free agent; healthy again finally), and Anthony "Disco" DeSclafani (free agent), veteran Alex Wood (free agent) and promising Logan Webb (2014 draft) and an adequate corps of relatively nameless relievers (did you expect Tyler Rogers and Jake McGee as closers?). As we go to press, the Giants lead the NL West over the young and talented Padres and the defending world champions from Los Angeles. At times these Giants have had the best record in baseball. The Giants lineup doesn't scare anyone. They may still have an August swoon. But those 2010, 2012

and 2014 rosters weren't loaded either. I, for one, have never doubted Farhan. I trusted it was just a matter of time. I just wished I didn't have to keep looking at all the new names on the 40-man roster. But that's a small cost since I get to gloat while the going is good. After all, it's a long season and there are a lot of games left to play.  **Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran** at-



tended law school in the Bay Area where he spent many evenings at Candlestick Park and Oakland Alameda Stadium. He "studied" for the California Bar Exam at the ballpark. He and his spouse witnessed Barry Bond's 700th home run on September 17, 2004 in the SBC Park outfield bleachers. He still loves Even Years but is hoping for Odd Year magic in 2021.

"An investment in knowledge



always pays the best interest."

- Benjamin Franklin

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and your ability to overcome all obstacles and succeed.
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work, military, etc.) and wherever you place yourself (Maui, elsewhere in the State, Nevada also known as the Ninth Island, elsewhere in the country, anywhere in the world or who knows somewhere in the universe), remember your family, friends and your community will al-

ways be here on Maui to support and cheer you on. (Yes, we all know how to ZOOM so there's no excuse for you not to keep in touch.)
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Is Not Everything...

Class of 2023 Looks Forward to their Junior Year.

Brooklyn Jones | MAUI HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2022

Summer is here! Maui's youth are fresh out of school and ready to seize each beautiful albeit scorching, day of summer vacation. While having blissful, homework-free time is the baseline of the enjoyment, many students find themselves looking forward to the new school year. The promise of returning to a physical classroom for in-person learning is a pleasantly pervasive thought, especially for the upcoming juniors. Numerous high school "rites of passage" including prom, pep rallies, school assemblies and the homecoming game, will pack their year with excitement.

Being able to attend social events will be a dramatically new concept after last school year. The pandemic

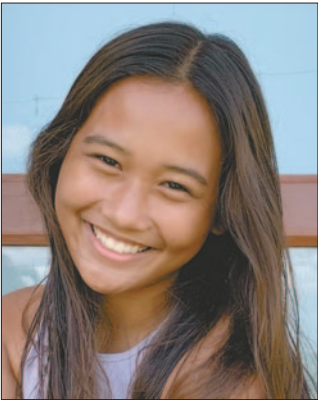
limited social interaction in fear of spreading the COVID-19 virus or one of its variants. Amidst the initial panic, the safest route for schools to take was an entirely virtually distanced



Charlie Jane Salacup

learning schedule.

Many students, like Charie Salacup, enjoyed a more relaxed school day because of distance learning. "As I got used to doing school virtually, I liked not having people see me every day, [and] not waking up early," she says. But Charie still missed socializing with her classmates at Maui High School during lunch and recess. Not being around people during class, according to her, "definitely felt weird." The lack of social interaction was challenging to overcome for many but the promise of in-person schooling will hopefully put that to rest. As her third year of high school approaches, Charie is most excited about the most coveted event of high school: Junior Prom. "I can't wait to see everyone in their suits and dresses and the memories we're going to make."



Macy Fillazar

Macy Fillazar, a fellow student at Maui High, agrees with Charie about prom. Most schools could not safely plan a prom night this past year but that is likely to change this year with school reopening. Macy is naturally hoping to experience a grandiose and cliché Junior Prom night. "I have dreamed about [prom] since I was small." When she was four, Macy remembers seeing her brother going to prom with his date and has been excitedly waiting for it ever since! She loves everything about prom season: the "promposals" with cheesy puns and cute posters, going dress shopping and getting ready on the big night with friends. "Junior year is arguably the hardest year but after all of those rigorous courses and extensive exams, prom makes it all worthwhile," she explains cheerfully.



Kalla Pellettieri

While Kalla Pellettieri, a student at Seabury Hall High School, isn't looking forward to the added workload of junior year, she is glad her school provides extra free blocks to allow time for an increased amount of homework and college planning. Like many other students her age, beginning a college search is a daunting task: "I don't think I'm prepared to make those deci-

sions about my future yet." Even if she is unsure of her after-high school plans, Kalla is working hard and enjoying her time in high school as it comes, something she recommends incoming sophomores do as well. "The years go by really fast," Kalla points out. And if there are any nervous soon-to-be freshmen out there, she says high school is way different from the drama seen on TV or in movies. "There aren't any random song and dance numbers like in Grease or High School Musical," she jokes.



Patrick Borden

Even if there won't be any singing during practice, Patrick Borden is ready to get his head in the game and play basketball for Maui High's team. "For my sophomore year, we didn't have a basketball season because of COVID-19, which was really unfortunate," he recalls. Patrick may have missed out on last year's season but is more than ready to get back to the courts and play with his best friends as a junior. So far, some of his favorite memories of high school were during the basketball season. But that doesn't mean he won't be focusing on schoolwork too. Patrick's goal this year is to improve his time management to balance his athletics and education because "staying up late to study and finish work isn't very fun." Nevertheless, being back in the classroom will help everyone stay focused on their work this year, leaving plenty of time to participate in and attend all kinds of sports events.

The physicality of this upcoming school year will allow everyone to spend less time on the computer and more time making meaningful memories. Although the pandemic put a temporary pause on these juniors' high school experiences, they are more than ready to make up for it this year, in person. ✨

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Father Bunda



The old historic St. Anthony Church was destroyed by an early morning fire set by an arsonist on November 1, 1977.



Just three years after the fire and with the help of parishioners and Maui community leaders, the present structure was built and dedicated June 13, 1980—St. Anthony's feast day.

Father Roland Bunda was born and raised in Waialua, O’ahu. His father is from Dingle, Iloilo while his mother is from Cebu.

It is an honor and privilege to write this column about Father Roland Bunda, sharing his Pastor ministry at St. Anthony Church as well as St. Anthony Grade and High School. Fr. Bunda shares his years of experience as Pastor of St. Anthony and also his Ministry as a Marianist Religious Life and the departure of the Marianist community from St. Anthony Church, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary. When a door closes, a new door opens!

St. Anthony Church and St. Anthony Grade and High School provides me with many memories. I grew up in Wailuku and attended St. Anthony Church with my family, not thinking it would be a part of my calling to the Deaconate.

Let me share a reflection from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: “The source of happiness is unchanging in its essence but it is always new, gushing forth happiness for all creatures. Now I understand Saint Paul, who said ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, has I entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him.’”

Now I know how committed Fr. Bunda is to his church! It was a privilege and honor to serve with him during Masses and share the love of our people at St. Anthony. Fr. Bunda has certainly been a St. Paul to us as a person “gifted to give himself to our church his unconditional love.”

In 2014, Fr. Bunda reflected on his then fifty-two years as a Marianist:

As I reflect on my fifty-two years in religious life as a Marianist, I find that my life has been a tapestry of grace and blessings. God has called me like men and women in the past to pursue a life of perfect charity, through evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, I am filled with gratitude for this personal vocation.

The seeds of my vocation began through the influence and examples of my parents and grandparents whose lives exemplified what it meant to be Catholic. I can remember as a child in kindergarten and grade school being among my siblings and cousins in

Catholic grade school. I was part of an extended family in school and in the parish. My whole life revolved around our family, parish and sugar plantation life in Waialua, twenty miles north from the city of Honolulu.

I was introduced to the Marianists brothers and priests when I attended St. Louis High School in Honolulu,

Oh Good and Faithful Servant

Deacon Patrick Constantino

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Hawai’i. I admired these men who taught me not only mathematics, history, science, English, religion, social studies but through their examples of warmth, love and caring for us as students. I used to brag about a particular Brother Henry Benzinger who taught me Geometry when I was a sophomore. He had a deep sense of caring for me. He would help me to unravel the secrets of Geometry during class and after school. He was always available and willing to help us with our math problems with humor and teasing us. But mostly, I was impressed with his life as a religious brother. I would see him making personal visits to chapel and spending time with us after school. I mentioned to my peers that one day I would like to be like him teaching math, being professional and caring for students. Bro. James Mifsud was a recruiter for the Marianists at the High School. He invited me to ‘check out’ the Marianists. I would meet with him during my Junior and Senior year. I made a vocation retreat at the Brother’s summer camp. I graduated from High School in May 1960 and attended the University of Hawai’i in the fall semester. I continued to stay in contact with him during my freshman year in college. It was during that time that I made my decision to enter the Marianists order. I entered the novitiate at Santa Cruz, California in July 1961 and professed my first vows on August 15, 1962. After graduating from University of Dayton with a math degree, I taught mathematics in High School for nine years before entering the seminary in 1975. I was ordained to the priesthood on August 4, 1978 and

ministered our Marianists schools, novitiate and at University of California in Santa Cruz as a teacher, assistant director of novices and campus minister for twenty-nine years.

I feel called to deepen this new life in Christ living with the ‘Spirit of this Moment’ being a vibrant Catholic religious priest celibate as a son of Mary. I am blessed and grateful to be here at St. Anthony Parish in Wailuku, Maui–Hawai’i for the past eight years. As pastor of the parish I am thankful that I live with two other Marianists brothers ministering and witnessing together in community. By the ‘Spirit of this Moment’ I mean to be

present now and active in my local community and parish. To be alive, vibrant and enthusiastic as a Catholic religious priest. Having celebrated my golden jubilee two years ago in the parish meant a lot to me. My family, relatives, friends and parishioners shared with me this joyful time.

These significant events of my Golden Jubilee, actually it was six celebrations: Hawai’i and California—where I spent my fifty years of ministry of my life which propelled me to realize how blessed and graced I have been by God. Our Vision 2020 statement ‘to revitalize the apostolic mission’ helps me to focus and address my commitment with joy and enthusiasm. I continued to share my life with our students presenting talks at the school and at liturgies inviting them to consider seriously the vocational call of being a Marianist.

The sad news is the Brothers and Fathers of the Society of Mary, known as the Marianists, will bid Aloha to St. Anthony Church and School on June 30, 2021. The Marianists, whose primary charism is education, have been at St. Anthony School for 138 years and have staffed the parish for forty-five years.

Marianist Father Tim Kenney made the announcement on behalf of the U.S. Marianist provincial while Father Oscar Vasquez announced it at parish Masses over the January 16–17, 2021 weekend. A January 18 statement by the Diocese of Honolulu said the reason for the departure was a shortage of Marianist members. “After much discussion within the Marianists Provincial Council and with Bishop Larry Silva, it was decid-

ed that the Marianist personnel resources have become sufficiently thin that they can no longer staff St. Anthony Parish, Wailuku after June 30, 2021.” The Marianists who will be relocating are Pastor Father Roland Bunda, Parochial Vicar Father Sylverius Kerketta, Pastoral Associate Brother Fred Silbereis and Pastoral Associate Brother David Quigley. “We are most grateful to the Marianists for their faithful and loving service at St. Anthony Church and School and for their ministry and presence on the island of Maui,” the Diocese’s statement said. “Many lives have been touched by the service and witness of the brothers and fathers over many generations and we are certain their presence will continue to bear good fruit for generations to come.”

The Diocese of Honolulu will take over administration of the parish and school on July 1, 2021. The new Pastor will be Msgr. Terrance Watanabe and Parochial Vicar Ese’ese “Ace” Tui.

The following Marianist priests have served as Pastors at St. Anthony Church: Father James Orsini (now a Diocesan Priest), Father Jack Reilly, Father William O’Connell, Father Charles Oyabu, Father Raymond Malley and Father Bunda who has served for fourteen years.

St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wailuku was established by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The first recorded missionary activity was the baptism of nineteen Hawaiians on July 5, 1846, in a Wailuku catechist’s home. According to the parish website, the first Mass was celebrated on the site on July 13, 1848, in a thatched structure.

The first wood-framed church was built in 1854.

King Kamehameha IV deeded sixteen acres of land in Wailuku to Bishop Louis Maigret in 1858–59. On May 3, the Bishop blessed the third church, a stone structure. The blessing was the occasion of Father Damien de Veuster’s first volunteering to go to Kalaupapa. The church building continued to be enlarged and improved over the years, emerging as a Wailuku landmark for more than a century.

The Marianists assumed leadership

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Fr. Bunda blessing High School and Grade School Students of St Anthony Parish.



Fr. Bunda installing the parish Pastoral Council.

ship of the parish in 1976. They were already a big part of St. Anthony, having run the school for boys since 1883. A year after the Marianists took over the parish, a fire set by an arsonist destroyed the historic church. The present church was dedicated on June 13, 1980.

Bishop Silva will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Church on Sunday June 13, 2021, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, to mark several milestones: the Marianists' forty five years in the parish, the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of the current church, and the 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Anthony School. At that time, Bishop Silva will formally thank the Marianists for their many faithful service. The Marianists will continue their service at Chaminade University of Honolulu and Saint Louis School.

God Bless our Marianists!
And God has given me to understand that there is but one thing that is of infinite value in His eyes and that is love of God: Love, Love, love

Fr. Bunda shared with me his reflection for the past seven years:

These past seven years 2014–2021 has been exciting and challenging for me as I set about to implement the vision of integrating our schools and parish under the auspices of the Parish. When I became Pastor in 2007, the pre-school and grade school were ministered by the parish. The Junior-Senior High School (grades 7–12) were administered and governed by the Diocese of Honolulu. We accomplished our goals in August 2017 when we hired Mr. Tim Cullen as President/Principal of the St. Anthony School (Kindergarten–Grade 12). The pre-school is still under the parish.

The challenges that lies before the parish and school are daunting: Mr. Tim Cullen is leaving the school after four years and going back to the mainland to support his aging parents. Carlen Santos is retiring as Director of the pre-school after thirty-eight years of administration. I am leaving St. Anthony parish after four-

Anthony Church beginning on July 1, 2021.

One of the milestones during my time as Pastor was to create a vibrant Parish pastoral council. Under the leadership of Mr. Stephen Kealoha the council is fulfilling the goals and vision for the parish. They are implementing three goals during these past years: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Young Adults, and Faith Formation.

Another milestone for the parish was creating an awareness and implementing stewardship in the parish in 2015.

All of us who are baptized are called to be vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ giving of our time, talent and treasure to God through the Church.

I have been blessed being here during my time as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish during these fourteen years. The staff and various councils have continued to carry on the mission of St. Anthony. Our mission statement states: 'We, the Saint Anthony of Padua Church, participate in the mission of the Diocese of Honolulu bringing Christ to the world. We are a community of faith that lives and promotes a vibrant family spirit in the Marianist tradition, Catholic spirituality and service to the people of God on Maui.'

Looking back on my years here at the parish, I feel confident that the parishioners will continue the mission of bringing Christ to others under the protection and guidance of our Blessed Mother. The Marianist spirit of

hospitality, shared leadership, vibrant faith exists here at the parish as hallmarks of the charism of Fr. William Chaminade, the founder of the Society of Mary (Marianist).

My prayer is that looking back with gratitude and looking ahead with hope and in that spirit of thanksgiving and confidence, the parish will continue to live fully the mission of St. Anthony



Fr. Bunda addressing students at St Anthony School

Church.

May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

God Bless Fr. Roland Bunda and his Marianist family. Thank you for all you did for St. Anthony Church, School, and community. You are truly "gifted to give," your unconditional love.

Well done, my faithful servant! ✨

On June 18, 1987, **Patrick Constantino** was ordained as the first Deacon of Filipino ancestry for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai'i. For twenty-two years, he served as Administrator at Holy Rosary Church in Pā'ia, St. Rita Church in Ha'ikū and St. Gabriel Church in Ke'ānae. Constantino is presently assigned to St. Joseph Church in Makawao.

Prior to his ordination, Constantino was in government—first appointed in 1966 as Assistant Sergeant of Arms by the Speaker of the House Elmer F. Cravalho. When Cravalho became Maui's first Mayor, Constantino became his Executive Assistant—the first of Filipino ancestry. Later, Constantino became the first County Treasurer of Filipino ancestry and the first County Grants Administrator and Risk Manager of Filipino ancestry.

Constantino has served as a Deacon for thirty-three years and married to his lovely wife Corazon for fifty-nine years.



St. Anthony Maui Marianist celebration 2021. Fr. Sylvester Kerketta, Br. Fred Siberia, Br. Tom Spring, Br. Frank Gomes, Br. Dave Quiley and Fr. Roland Bunda.

and once again, love; and nothing can compare with a single act of pure love of God. Oh, with what inconceivable favors God gifts a soul that loves Him sincerely! Oh, how happy is the soul who already here on earth enjoys His special favors! And of such are the little and humble souls.

"Yes, it is with sadness that the Marianists are leaving St. Anthony Church and School," said Father Bunda. "The parishioners were surprised and saddened by the announcement. It will take time to get over the shock of the news."

teen years of service and ministry. The Marianists began leadership of the parish in 1976 when Fr. James Orsini, a Marianist at that time, assumed the role of Pastor. It is with sadness and gratitude that we leave behind a legacy that will continue into the future.

The St. Anthony School will still be a Marianist sponsored school and the parish will be administered by the Diocese of Honolulu. The six Marianist pastors concluded forty-five years of service and administration of St. Anthony Parish. Monsignor Terrence Watanabe will be the Pastor of St.





“The projected completion date for the renovations is the fall,” says Zaldy Ugalino, president of the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation.
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COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

Editor’s note: Send your community briefs to info@filamvoice.com.
This month’s column was compiled by Assistant Editor
Alfredo G. Evangelista.

BAHAY KUBO HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The projected completion date for the renovations is the fall. “We still need to re-finish the floors and do some minor touches to the underside of the roof. We are also in the planning phases of repairing the bridge. If anyone wants to volunteer to help maintain the landscaping during construction, please email bahaykubomaui@gmail.com” said Zaldy Ugalino, president of the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation. “We’re so grateful to the County of Maui for the grant, the donors and the volunteers who worked so hard. Sadly, we are now short of a lead volunteer. Doug Cernal never missed a weekend volunteering his carpentry skills, hard work and leadership until his unexpected passing in April.”

Monetary donations are still needed and can be mailed to Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation, 32 Hapua Place, Wailuku, HI 96793.

T-shirt sales are still available through flipsideurbanapparel.com.

BINHI AT ANI

Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is now open for small gatherings outside (no more than eighty guests) and “drive-by”

parties. There are specific COVID-19 rules. Please contact the office at (808) 877-7880 for more information. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Night Under the Stars

On July 3, Binhi at Ani will hold A Night Under the Stars which will feature the twenty-one 2021 Binhi at Ani Scholarship Recipients and the 2021 newly elected Board of Directors. Seats are limited to 200 guests. Special Sponsorship/Advertising packages are available (Platinum-\$1000; Gold-\$600) while individual seats are at \$30 for the prime rib/fish dinner. Advertising rates are \$200 for a one-page color ad in the Program booklet. Contact Melen Agcolicol at (808) 205-7981 for more information.

Bakuna at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center

Binhi at Ani continues hosting free vaccination clinics with one more scheduled in late June.

Time for the Shots III—will be administered by the University of Hawai’i Maui College Nursing Program on Saturday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appoint-



Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is now open for small parties.
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ment is necessary to receive the Moderna vaccine. You may, however, register for an appointment via the QR code in the flyer (see below) or through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A5AB2DA3FEC07-binhi2>

Two hundred individuals received the Johnson & Johnson vaccination during the initial Bakuna at Binhi on March 18. Another sixty registered at Binhi on March 29 for the Moderna vaccine at War Memorial gymnasium. One hundred Veterans and their families were vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine on April 24, 77 individuals were vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine on May 1 and 74 individuals were vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine on May 29.

Stay tuned to Binhi’s Facebook page for more updates on the Bakuna at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center program.

#BayanihanFeedingProgram

The program, which provides a Sunday lunch to Hale Mahaolu Residents in Central Maui, continues to need additional teams of volunteers to prepare the free lunches. Create a Team by signing up: <https://forms.gle/cVUGB6XLmtJi7MVH8> or call Melen Agcolicol at (808) 205-7981. Tax-deductible donations are accepted via PayPal or a Credit/Debit card <https://binhiatani.org/donate/> or by mailing a check payable to Binhi at Ani, 780 Onehe’e Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732 [Memo: Feeding Program].

Scholarship Awards

Thanks to the success of the inaugural Binhi at Ani Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and the nine Scholarship Partners [In Memory of Rev. Walter T. Baloalao, Bayer Crop Science Hawai’i, In Memory of Gloria Evangelista Cajigal, Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran, Kula and Hoku, McDonalds

of Maui, Suzanne Michelle McGrath, Maui Island Cozy Dental and Renato & Maria A.F. Etrata Foundation], Binhi at Ani will award twenty-one \$1,000 scholarships, with the two top-rated scholars receiving \$2,000. The Scholarship Recipients will be featured at the July 3 A Night Under the Stars event.

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The inaugural Binhi at Ani Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on May 30 at The Dunes at Maui Lani. Winning the Mayor Michael Victorino Cup was Team 4A (Cascao Jiu Jitsu consisting of Ceejay Santos, Keanu Mollena-Loo, Moku Loo, and Steve Rappenecker). Winning the Par 3 contests on Holes 6, 8 and 17 were Glenn Ruidas, Cary Kochi and Mike Rambaud.

Winning the Closest to the Pin on Hole #3 (and the Jackpot worth \$980.00) by scoring a Hole-In-One was Desiree Ting.

“Mahalo to all the Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers who contributed to the success of Binhi’s first Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament,” said Tournament Chairperson Arnel Alvarez. “Without everyone’s participation and assistance, it would not have been the success it was. We look forward to next year’s golf tournament on March 6, 2022 at The Dunes at Maui Lani.”

MAUI FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced its 2021 Scholarship recipients, all of whom will receive a \$1,000 scholarship except for the top-rated scholar identified below, who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The scholars will be officially presented at the Gintong Pamana Leadership & Scholar-

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Bakuna volunteers take a moment for a photo opportunity.
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Scan the QR Code to sign up!

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PRE-REGISTRATION is encouraged

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IMAGE:
LENNEL JOY ALVAREZ



Volunteers pose with Mayor and Mrs Victorino.
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Team 4A won the Mayor's Cup.
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Desiree Ting (second from right) scored a hole-in-one at Hole #3.
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Annual Flores de Mayo at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Kihei.
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ship Awards Banquet on June 29.

Emma Ayersman, daughter of Loren and Lorna Ayersman. The King Kekaulike High School graduate will attend Whitworth University, majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy.

Caitlin Raquel Lizada Baclay, daughter of Ryan Tongoy Baclay and Jacqueline Lizada Baclay. The Lahainaluna High School graduate will attend University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Biology.

Liam Caldwell, son of William and Eileen Caldwell. The H.P. Baldwin High School graduate will attend Arizona State University, majoring in Biological/Biomedical Sciences.

Jumar Dela Cruz, son of Judy and Marivic Dela Cruz. The Lahainaluna High School graduate will attend University of Hawai'i Maui College, majoring in Business Administration.

Maria Magdalaine Anjeleigh Rabino Dela Cruz, daughter of Florante and Marjorie Dela Cruz. The St. Anthony High School graduate will attend University of

Washington, majoring in BioChemistry.

Mai Huyhn, daughter of Oanh Huynh. The Maui High School graduate will be attending St. Olaf, majoring in History, Mathematics and Law.

Maria Hea Arabella Inong, daughter of Noel Ingel Inong and Jojie Soria Inong. The Maui High School graduate will be attending University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Dentistry.

Moses Ligot, son of Rey and Alma Arelano. The Maui High School graduate will be attending University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Graphic Design.

Sydnie Matsuda, daughter of Mark and Gwyn Matsuda. The Maui High School graduate will be attending Pacific University Oregon, majoring in Education.

Clouie Jean Salacup, daughter of Edgard and Lyn Salacup. The Maui High School graduate will be attending San Diego State University, majoring in Psychology.

Lovely Salazar, daughter of Roberto and Juliana Salazar. The Maui High School

graduate will be attending Seattle University, majoring in Nursing.

Sofia Hinale'a Stupplebeen, daughter of Troy Kapono Stupplebeen and Marilyn Mamuad Stupplebeen. The Kamehameha Schools Maui graduate will attend Seattle University, majoring in Business Marketing, Communication and International Business.

Rayna Lyn Tomita-Cadavona, daughter of Robert and Sheree Cadavona. The Maui High School graduate will attend University of Hawai'i Maui College, majoring in Culinary Arts.

Cameron Diedre Viernes, daughter of Virgil and Courtney Viernes. The University of Hawai'i Maui College graduate will attend Oregon Institute of Technology, majoring in Information Technology.

Keeana Agoo Villamar, daughter of Marcelo and Alma Villamar. The Maui Preparatory Academy graduate will attend Scripps College, majoring in English & Environmental Analysis, Psychiatry Neurology & Marketing in Social Media. Villamar is

the top-rated scholar and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Jadynne Zane, daughter of Darryl & Jeremy Zane. The Maui High School graduate will attend University of Southern California, majoring in Bioengineering.

ST. THERESA'S FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB

On May 14, 2021, St. Theresa's Filipino Catholic Club presented its annual Flores de Mayo Festival. 2019–2021 Queen Brianna Ramos Ravida, daughter of Roland and Leony Ravida, reigned over the ceremonies. Also present were 2017–2018 Queen Sienna Jolie Patao Racoma, daughter of Jojo and Lorly Racoma and 2016 Queen Raellyn Mae Santos Gilo, daughter of Eisen and Noe Gilo.

St. Theresa's Filipino Catholic Club also paid a special tribute to Reverend Monsignor Terrence A.M. Watanabe who departs St. Theresa and will be Rector and Pastor at St. Anthony's Church in Wailuku.

2021 Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Emma Ayersman



Caitlin Raquel Lizada Baclay



Liam Caldwell



Jumar Dela Cruz



Maria Magdalaine Anjeleigh Rabino Dela Cruz



Mai Huyhn



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Summer is Here!

What’s your favorite BBQ?

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog”

Summer is here! How could it be June 2021 already?. We’ve flown fast on the first six months of 2021. But no worries. We are glad summer is here and that means fun! Fun in the sun. Fun with family and friends. And barbecue fun!

Whether it is in your backyard, at the beach, in the church courtyard or at a playground, barbecue time with family and friends is a bonding time.It’s a time to re-connect. A time for *kwento-kwentuhan*. So let’s talk about barbecue on this Summer edition of Kwento-Kwentuhan. What is your favorite BBQ?

Here are some favorites on the grill:

1. Pork BBQ on a stick (bamboo skewers) - Sometimes it’s teriyaki flavor, sometimes it’s vinegary or lemony, depending on what marinade was used. One thing for sure, it’s delicious.
2. Teriyaki Chicken (or Ribs) - Maui Locals love this! Teriyaki is derived from the Japanese root words *teri*, to shine, and *yaki*, to broil or grill. Chicken or Beef Ribs marinated in teriyaki sauce overnight are so tasty when barbecued. And you can smell the flavor as you grill. Yum! Remember the Azeka Ribs?
3. Kalbi Ribs - Similar to Teriyaki, the Korean Kalbi BBQ Short Ribs are the perfect combo of sweet and savory, made from flanken ribs in a marinade of brown sugar, sesame oil, soy sauce, mirin, and spices. Beef ribs are often used for Kalbi.
4. New York Steak or Tri-tip - According to my hubby, New York Strip is the best cut of meat for BBQ. For some, Tri-tip is their choice of meat. We just add Hawaiian salt. No meat rubs needed. Grill it pink!
5. Grilled fish - Bangus, Tilapia, Mahi or Ahi—Freshly caught



- fish are the best but store bought are ok too.
6. Shrimp - marinated or not, jumbo shrimp are the best! We Filipinos love to grill it with head still on. It adds to the flavor doesn’t it?
 7. Vegetables - there are a variety of vegetables good for grilling. Let’s mention a few: eggplant, okra, peppers and mushroom. Drizzle it with some olive oil, salt and pepper and wow they are delicious (and healthy too!).
 8. Sausages - Whether it’s Portuguese sausages or Italian, sausages are a usual part of barbecue gatherings. When you get leftovers, you can make Portuguese Bean Soup.
 9. Hamburgers - sure we can easily buy hamburgers at fast food places like McDonalds and Jollibee but nothing beats a home-made hamburger grilled while talking story with family and friends. Do you like to eat your barbecue plain or with cheese? Do you want to add lettuce, tomatoes and onions?
 10. Hotdogs - for the young and young at heart, hotdogs are often part of the American barbecue gatherings.

Are you feeling hungry yet? I am. So what are we waiting for? Let’s plan some fun barbecue gathering this summer! ✨

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Teriyaki chicken, okra, pineapples and green peppers sizzle on the grill.

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A smorgasboard of grillable goods, cooked on the barbecue make a healthy and delicious dinner this summer.

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Maui College—Hospitality and Tourism
Holly Christine Ramos, daughter of H. Pascual Ramos and Gean Ramos • Maui HS • University of Hawai’i Maui College—Biological Science
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Rejina Yagin, daughter of Romeo Yagin Jr and Juliet Yagin • Lahainaluna

na HS • University of San Francisco—Psychology
Jadynne Zane, daughter of Darryl and Jeremy Zane • Maui HS • University of Southern California—Bio-engineering
Of Maui High School’s twenty-six valedictorians, 14 were identified as of Filipino ancestry. Of Lahainaluna High School’s twenty-four valedictorians, 12 were identified as of Filipino ancestry. Baldwin High School had two, King Kekaulike had two while St. Anthony see ESTUDYANTE next page

MAHALO!

To all the golfers, volunteers, donors, and everyone who helped make the inaugural **2021 Binhi at Ani Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament** a huge success! Maraming Salamat Po, especially to our sponsors and donors. Through everyone's efforts, Binhi at Ani will award twenty-one \$1,000 scholarships, with the two top-rated scholars receiving \$2,000.

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Alexis Joy Viloria



Rejina Yagin



Jadyenne Zane



Our very own Alexis Joy Viloria won several competitions in Air Riflery while attending Maui High School. She does her parents, our community and the *Fil-Am Voice* proud!
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and Kamehameha Schools Maui each had one.

There were more female Filipino valedictorians (23) versus males (9). Seven of the valedictorians will stay home at University of Hawai'i Maui College while eight will travel to O'ahu to attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Six will attend a college in the northwest region, five in California—with one attending my alma mater—University of Southern California (Fight on Jadyenne!), one in Nevada, one in Arizona, one in Ohio and one will join the United States Army. Surprisingly—but maybe not due to the pandemic—no one is venturing to one of the Ivy League colleges on the East Coast.

The interests of these valedictorians vary: six plan to be nurses while nine are in the health-related sciences (some probably in anticipation of going to medical school). Six are interested in business while only two endeavor to be teachers. Five have listed a double major. I think there's one hoping to enroll in law school after college.



Regardless of what profession these valedictorians enter, one thing is clear, they are all capable of adjusting to the demands of an ever-evolving world.

The *Fil-Am Voice* congratulates all of Maui's valedictorians of Filipino ancestry and the entire Class of 2021. Study hard, keep your nose to the ground and your eyes on the road ahead, and keep making Mom, Dad, your family, your friends, and Maui proud.

And always remember, *Maui nō ka 'oi.* 🌸

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