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Airport road name recognizes the work of Mayor Cravalho.

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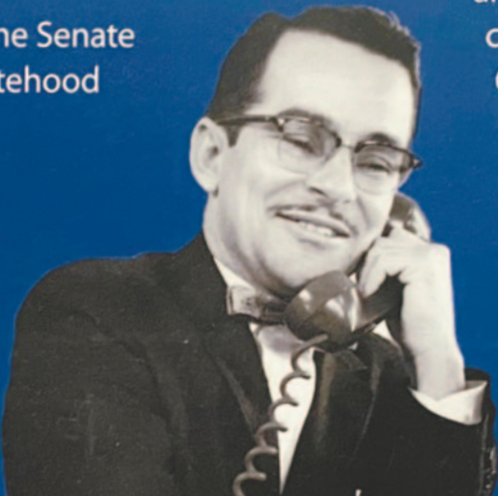
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The MAYOR ELMER F. CRAVALHO WAY

admission of the 49<sup>th</sup> state, both political parties are willing to admit a 50<sup>th</sup> state so as to maintain continual political balance in Washington, DC (with Alaska being predominantly Democratic and Hawai'i more Republican, at the time).

March 11, 1959– The Senate passes Hawai'i's Statehood Bill 75 to 15.

March 12, 1959– The U.S. House of Representatives passes Hawai'i's Statehood Bill, 323 to 89.



March 18, 1959– The Act to Provide for the Admission of the State of Hawai'i is signed by President Eisenhower. Hawai'i's delegate, John Burns, is not invited to the signing ceremony.

June 27, 1959– A plebiscite is held to allow Hawai'i residents to ratify the congressional vote for statehood. Out of 155,000 registered voters throughout the territory, 140,744 ballots are cast. The "yes for statehood" garners 94.3% (132,773 votes) while the "no" ballots equal 5.7% (7,971 votes).

Elmer F. Cravalho receives a phone call from Delegate John Burns announcing the results of the Senate's vote on Hawai'i's Statehood Bill.

Cravalho's Photo at the Hawaiian Airlines mural.

PHOTO: GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN

Alfredo G. Evangelista | ASSISTANT EDITOR

When Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho passed in 2016, written tributes spoke of his many public accomplishments. Speaker of the Territorial and State House. First Mayor of Maui. Business leader. Board and commission member. While Cravalho could be aptly described as dedicated, politically astute, powerful and generous (Retired Circuit Court Judge Artemio Baxa spoke of Cravalho's "generous compassion for the weak, the poor and the underprivileged"), Cravalho undoubtedly was visionary. Many longtime residents believe, however, there will never be enough said or done to sufficiently give credit for Mayor Cravalho's service to the State of Hawai'i and the County of Maui.

On June 30, Governor David Ige quietly and without any fanfare signed into law as Act 134, S.B. 651, S.D. 1,

H.D. The bill, introduced by State Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran (D-Central Maui) and co-sponsored by Senators J. Kalani English (D-E. Maui, Upcountry, Molokai, Lāna'i), Lorraine Inouye (D-Honoka'a), and Chris Lee (D-Lanikai-Waimānalo), renamed the Kahului Airport Access Road to the Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way. An identical or companion House Bill 774 was sponsored by Rep. Kyle Yamashita (D-Upcountry), Lynn DeCoite (D-East Maui, Molokai, Lāna'i), Troy Hashimoto (D-Wailuku), Angus McKelvey (D-West Maui) and Justin Woodson (D-Kahului).

"Any Maui legislator would be happy to introduce proposals on behalf of constituents," said Keith-Agaran. He described that Pat Constantino and others noted there was no memorial for Mayor Cravalho.

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Full mural with Cravalho's photo at the Hawaiian Airlines lobby. PHOTO: GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN

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THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 134

S.B. NO. 651  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Maui has no major

2 roadways commemorating local political leaders and their roles

3 in Maui history. Born in Paia, Maui, Elmer Franklin Cravalho

4 served as the first mayor of Maui from 1969 to 1979 and was the

5 first speaker of the state house of representatives following

6 statehood.

7 Elmer F. Cravalho was first elected as a member of the

8 territorial house of representatives in 1954. He became vice

9 speaker of the territorial house of representatives in 1956, and

10 then speaker of the territorial house of representatives in

11 1959. He maintained his position as speaker of the state house

12 of representatives through 1967, and then served as Maui

13 county's first mayor until July 24, 1979.

14 The legislature recognizes that Mayor Cravalho first

15 relayed Congress' approval of Hawaii's statehood to a cramped

16 house of representatives in Iolani Palace. A photo of him

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“While I realize the Mayor could be a private man in many ways,” Keith

Agaran explained, “he was undoubtedly a significant State public official, and likely the most significant Maui political figure and community leader of the latter half of the 20th Century and deserving of much recognition.”

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The propensity to name the ingress-egress road to Maui’s OGG airport to “Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way” did not just happen overnight. It was history in the making and a lot of good deeds and heart of the person who was Mayor Cravalho of Maui County that culminated into this decision.

At press time, the State Department of Transportation has not publicly announced when the actual change will be done. (The Department of Transportation initially testified it favored a non-binding resolution instead of a bill.) When Mokulele Highway was re-named Maui Veterans Highway in 2017, four months passed before the actual signs were installed.

When the transition from Airport Access Road to Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way does finally occur, it will be a small recognition of Cravalho’s unfaltering dedication to the people of the State of Hawai‘i, especially Maui County.

In the latter half of the 20th Century, Cravalho was one of the towering figures as Hawai‘i moved from a Territory to a full-member of the American union. Inside Kahului airport is the Hawaiian Airlines mural containing the iconic photo of Speaker of the House Cravalho taking the call from Hawai‘i Delegate to Congress John A. Burns who informed Cravalho and members of the Territorial Legislature that Congress had just approved statehood for Hawai‘i.

After Burns became Governor in 1962, Burns would speak of his vision for the 50th State. But as political writer Dan Tuttle would later claim in his oral history, it was Cravalho who created and pushed through the legislative details of Burns’ plans: “He deserves his place in history. He’s a giant. He contributed a great deal to Burns’ career. He supplied the New Hawai‘i Program for Jack Burns. When Jack Burns’ administration, ’63,

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MAN OF THE YEAR

Maui Mayor Elmer Cravalho

Headlines say a lot, and this one reads “MAN OF THE YEAR: Maui Mayor Elmer Cravalho in this January 1978 issue of Hawai‘i Business.

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Cravalho at a Proclamation Signing ceremony.

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'64, '65 period, was faltering, Elmer stepped in with a legislative program. Jack Burns would get up and address the Legislature in his State of the State address, talk only about destiny and dreams, but have nothing practical.” Constantino, one of Cravalho’s political deputies, agrees. “I remember the biggest plans were to work together with the Big Five to develop Hawai’i’s economy. One early morning, Cravalho had me accompany him to Washington Place where Burns lived—just the three of us—talking story about how to do certain things.”

Constantino, who was seen by many as Cravalho’s man in the Filipino community, served as an Assistant Sergeant of Arms. (Another Maui Filipino stalwart Pepito Ragasa previously served as Cravalho’s Assistant Sergeant of Arms.) Constantino initially met Cravalho at the A&B Super Market in Kahului (where the Central Pacific Bank in Kahului is now). Constantino was employed as a stock and delivery boy while attending Maui Technical School. Cravalho chatted with Constantino about his studies (Business Accounting) and Constantino mentioned he needed a job. Constantino lost his Dad after high school

and needed to take care of his mother and sister, and his wife Cora was expecting their second child. Cravalho hired Constantino as an account clerk with MDG Supply, Inc. and later brought Constantino to work one session at the Legislature. Constantino subsequently became the office manager at Kula Community Federal Credit Union where Cravalho was the treasurer. Constantino joined the Maui Democratic Party and was elected to attend the 1968 Democratic Party National Convention in Chicago. “I was the youngest delegate from Hawai’i and the first Filipino to attend at age twenty-five,” says Constantino who led the Council of Political Associates (COPA) for many years.

Constantino was at Cravalho’s side for a significant part of Cravalho’s tenure as Mayor—first as Executive Assistant, then as County Treasurer and later as Country Grant Administrator and Risk Manager. Constantino was even part of the group that accompanied Cravalho to the Philippines in 1971. “Maui is what it is today by the beginnings of Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho’s thoughts and ideas. It’s an honor to have known him in this lifetime. If he could give a degree on life,

I would have received a Doctor’s degree for the knowledge I gained by knowing and learning from him. But above all, he has been a father image and part of my family.”

On December 13, 1966, Eddie Tam, the Chairman of Maui’s Board of Supervisors unexpectedly died after being elected to another two-year term as Chairman. The remaining supervisors appointed Manuel Molina to fill the unexpired term of Tam but there was a question whether Molina could be appointed to Tam’s new term as there was no legal provision governing the situation. (Molina even refused to be sworn in as a Supervisor.) The Legislature passed a bill calling

for a special primary and general election and Burns signed it into law. But Supervisor Joseph Bulgo, Molina’s nephew, sued to stop the special election and to prevent Cravalho from appearing on the ballot. Bulgo was granted an injunction by the trial court but despite Bulgo being represented by future Supreme Court of Hawai’i Associate Justice Frank Padgett, Bulgo lost both cases before the high court and the special elections proceeded.

Constantino and others campaigned hard for Cravalho. At one point on election night, he recalls Cravalho was behind some 500 votes

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## From the Editor's Desk

Vince Bagoyo, Jr.  
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Getting the COVID-19 vaccination is the the best way to avert the public health crisis we are in today. I got my vaccination. Did you get yours already? Yes, we can do this together!

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# Let's Be a Community That Cares. ... Get Vaccinnated

The COVID-19 virus is still a threat to our community and especially to people who are unvaccinated. We are now all too familiar with the fact that some people who get COVID-19 can become severely ill which can result in hospitalization and for many, the final loss in the death of their loved ones. A higher risk is the easy transmittal of the virus to close family members and friends, often due to their efforts to help those who are suffering. Even more scary is the fact that some who have the virus show no symptoms and can pass it on to others unknowingly. For this reason, it continues to be a good practice to

wear a mask in public and to follow all the health and safety requirements from our government. Getting vaccinated is clearly the most important action each of us can take for our own health and safety as well as for our community.

Contrary to conspiracy theories circulating in social media and some public media outlets, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and *FREE*. These vaccines were developed using science that has been around for decades, going through all the required stages of clinical trials, extensive testing and contin-

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Cravalho poses with his Mom Mary after being elected Speaker of the House in 1959.

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and the campaign was losing hope. "He asked us what precincts didn't come in. We said Lāna'i, Molokai, Ke'anae, Hāna, Kaupō and 'Ulu-palakua. He took a tablet and wrote some numbers down and said 'Go eat you guys; it's all over. We're in by 133 votes!' " recalls Constantino. "Of course, none of us had the appetite to eat." Cravalho proved his ability to count votes and squeaked by Molina—beating him by 139 votes.

It was during the 1967 campaign that twenty-year-old Roger Cachola first met Cravalho. Cachola, a Narvacan, Ilocos Sur native, arrived on Maui on March 8, 1967. He was one of the wave of Filipinos who arrived as a result of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 signed by then President Lyndon Johnson. It would be the start of post-Sakada migration in the late 1960s. While Cachola studied Accounting at Far Eastern University, he could only find a job as a tray boy at Maui Pineapple.

After work, Cachola met Cravalho passing out his brochures.

"I can't help you because I can't vote," Cachola recalls telling Cravalho. "I'm just a new immigrant." Cachola and others were active in the Filipino Cultural Club; Cachola remembers dancing *Tinikling* at the Kahului Shopping Center. Cachola recalls how Cravalho was involved in the Filipino community's social events—attending many parties hosted by Maui's growing Filipino community.

In 1968, Baxa, Cachola, and Phil Domingo—all recent immigrants—were hired as the first Filipino immigrants to work at the County under what was called a Work Experience Program and they were assigned to Cravalho's office. Because the Board of Supervisors did not approve the program, Cravalho personally paid for the salaries of Baxa, Cachola and Domingo. It would be a couple of years before the County Council agreed to fund the Work Experience Program. Baxa and Cachola began collecting data on immigrants and

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Cravalho with his Mom Mary, Dad Manuel and sisters

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It's the second half of the year. How are we doing with the al-most over pandemic? Are you still going to wear a mask? Are you going to observe social distancing? As for me, I'll probably wear a mask once in awhile and of course, I will always practice good hygiene to keep myself free from sickness or illnesses. How was your 4th of July? Did you light fireworks? What was your fa-

# Let's Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

vorite dish? Did you have an All-American menu like hotdogs, ham-burgers and potato chips? Or was it a variety of favorites of family and

friends? Well, that's okay because I myself didn't bring an American dessert when I went to a BBQ party. It's halfway through the summer

and I hope you did something really cool with your loved ones. We are so lucky to live in Hawai'i because we are surrounded by bodies of water. There are beaches everywhere. We can spend a day at the beach or even camp at the beach during a long weekend. After all, we live in a *mag-anda* (beautiful) place on Earth. Let's take a look at what is going on with the story of Mikey and Angel.

"LET'S GO TO MY *BAHAY* (HOUSE) for awhile. *Nanay's* (Mom's) not home yet. I need to grab a few things there," Michael says firmly and presses the power button on his *saken* (car). As they pull out of the driveway and she turns around to look at the *balay* (house), Lydia's voice and thoughts of cries and shouts run through Angel's mind. Not the greatest memories but memories indeed and in a sort of way this horror place is all she knows and has been the closest thing to home in a long time. Angel 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 *luga*n (car). Angel sees him and she adjusts the passenger seat back, feeling creeped out. Michael looks at her and says, "*Ano* (What) are you doing?" ANGEL: "There's another man taking photos of either me or you. Maybe you are a celebrity and the paparazzi is following you. Or maybe it's me because I am wanted by the federal agents." She covers her *makasta* (beautiful) face to hide her embarrassment and to keep herself from crying. MICHAEL: "Just lean the chair back. Don't worry about the man. Think of a plan so I can concentrate on driving and not get into an accident." The car is filled with silence. The windows refuse to let a single noise escape inside the car. Outside the car you can hear car horns blazing, sirens in the distance and angry drivers swearing but it was all muted. Angel sighs and suddenly the silence is shattered. Michael reaches for her hand and says, "Everything will be okay." Angel, with concern on her face answers, "You promise?" Michael looks straight at the road, doesn't want to meet Angel's eye because he is uncertain himself, *hani* (what) *bukas* (tomorrow) will bring. He nods and says, "Yes, everything will be okay." The car is filled with silence again.

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
Tomorrow	Bukas	Ton bigat	Ugma	Buwas	Aggaw	Napun
Beautiful	Maganda	Napintas	Gwapa	Maanyag	Makasta	Malagu
House/Home	Bahay/Tahanan	Balay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Bale
Mother	Nanay	Nanang	Inahan	Nanay	Yena	Ima
Rich	Mayaman	Baknang	Adunahan	Manggaranon	Mamamga	Makualta
What?	Ano?	Ana?	Hani?	Ano?	Anni'?	Nanoyin?
Prayer	Dasal	Lualo	Pag-ampo	Pangadi	Dasal	Dasal

As they drive pass the golf course, Angel peers out the window reminiscing the past. How she similarly gleaned out the window when she first left the Philippines, her heart filled with hope and mind filled with dreams. This is not too far from that. Oh, how she wanted a better life. Could this be it? Is this my time to find importance in this world? Could this man be the one I spend my life with? Where are we going? *Anni* (What) are we doing? *Ano* (What) is there for me? Angel closes her eyes and says a short *dasal* (prayer). It's all she can do. She is in the middle of this mess and the only thing she can do is reach out to God. This is the most important lesson her dad taught her. To always *aglualo* (pray). If she receives a blessing, *pangadi* (pray) ... she's in trouble, *dasal* (pray) ... *pag ampo* (pray) everyday ... . Michael pulls into a gated street, presses a button and the gate opens. Angel opens her eyes, "Wow! You live in a gated community. You really are *baknang* (rich)," Angel exclaims. "I am not *adunahan* (rich). It's my parent's *bale* (house). I live with them," Michael explains. He presses another button and the garage opens. "Yes, *Nanang* (mom) is not yet home," he says in his mind. "I don't know how to introduce her to Angel. I am not ready yet." "Your *bahay* (house) is so big. It's

*napintas* (beautiful)! Only the *maya-man* (rich) people in the Philippines have this kind of *balay* (house). Do you have maids too?" "Sorta. We have a *bale* (house) cleaner who comes to the *bahay* (house) just to tidy up a bit every day. We also have a yard man who comes every Wednesday morning. And a handyman who comes in to do some light repairs. *Nanay* (Mom) sometimes has a cook that comes to the *balay* (house) to prepare food but she actually loves to bake." "In West Philadelphia born and raised, on the playground is where I spent most of my days, Chilling out maxin, relaxing all cool, and shooting some b-ball outside of school," Angel sings bobbing her head. "When a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighborhood. I got in one little fight and my *Ima* (mom) got scared and said, you're moving in with," Angel looks at Michael who is grinning ear to ear. "With your aunty and uncle from Bel-Air!" they both laugh while singing. "Oh, come on! It's not like that. Seriously, we are not really *manggaranon* (rich)."

You know, we have the big *maanyag* (beautiful) *bahay* (house), the nice cars and the family reputation

status but really we are up to our necks in debt. It's actually the opposite honestly. Sometimes I wish we acted more like normal people rather than trying to impress the world and keep up with the Joneses. Keep an eye for the next issue. Please visit us on our facebook page and leave us a comment or ideas at [www.facebook.com/filamvoicemaui](https://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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Cravalho at Cachola's wedding.  
 PHOTO COURTESY ROGER CACHOLA



As Cravalho's Executive Assistant, Constantino (center) would represent him at many activities including the ribbon ceremony during the Barrio Fiesta.  
 PHOTO COURTESY PATRICK CONSTANTINO

From the  
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uous monitoring. CDC also confirms these vaccines have received and continue to undergo the most intensive safety protocols in U.S. history. Scientists, here and throughout the world, confirm these vaccines are safe and effective.

The *Fil-Am Voice* strongly encourages our Maui community to get vaccinated because we care for our loved ones, our friends, our neighbors—for each other.

We know once you are fully vaccinated, you can resume many activities you did before the pandemic. Just think about doing the things you enjoy without wearing a mask or staying six feet apart, or singing and dancing together again, except where required by federal, state or local laws.

Getting vaccinated will help keep you, your family and our community healthy and safe, and at the same time, help end the damage to our economy caused by lockdowns, not only in our neighborhoods but around the world.

The sooner we get vaccinated, the quicker we can get back to

some sense of normalcy, so we can again enjoy all the things we used to do before the pandemic severely disrupted our lives. Let us all do our part to help our community be healthy and safe by being vaccinated. Finally, wouldn't you want to protect your loved ones, families, and friends from COVID-19 by getting vaccinated? And wouldn't you want everyone to do it, too?

What does the Holy Bible say about caring for our community? Philippians 2:3-4 says, *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.* So, let's all be what God calls all of us to be. Let us be a community who genuinely cares—get vaccinated today—for ourselves, for our loved ones, for each other. ✨

*Vince Bagoyo*  
 VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR

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eventually started the Office of Immigrant Services that was administered through the Mayor's office.

During this time of growing immigration, there were a lot of activities affecting Maui's Filipino community—and Cravalho had a hand—directly and indirectly in many of them.

The Maui Filipino Community Council held its first Barrio Fiesta on May 31, 1970—as part of the Maui Filipino Community Council's first Fiesta Filipina encompassing three months of cultural activities. The Fiesta Filipina's General Co-Chairpersons were the late Raquel "Nancy" Andres and the late Fred Duldulao while the president of the Maui Filipino Community Council was the late Paul Pladera. "It was Nancy's idea to start the Barrio Fiesta. She developed the concept and because she was new on Maui, she worked through some old-timers to get it done," said the late Agrifina Cabebe, who would serve as the Barrio Fiesta's first chairperson with Greg Peros as her co-chairperson.

"Manang Nancy wanted to spread the Filipino culture. She was the brains behind the Barrio Fiesta and asked me to be part of it," said Peros. "I was fresh out of the U.S. Army and I wanted to contribute to the Filipino community, which was at a crossroads with the influx of many immigrants

from the Philippines. We wanted to share our rich culture with everyone, including the local Filipinos."

The goal of bringing Philippine culture and portraying Philippine life through traditional dances, enchanting music, and a festive atmosphere was accomplished. As Andres said "For truly Hawai'i, as the melting pot, is composed of many cultures and Filipinos here in Maui should all be proud to give their contribution to the fullest extent."

Cravalho gladly issued a Proclamation to mark Maui's Fiesta Filipina and the leaders of the Maui Filipino Community Council gladly posed for a photo op with the Mayor.

In addition to sharing the culture, there was a need for assistance to newly-arrived students from the Philippines. "He wanted us Filipino professionals to help the immigrant kids especially the Filipino kids," said Shirley Evangelista. "When I came home in 1968, I couldn't find a job so Dr. Alan Miyamoto decided to try me out because at that time there were no dental assistants in their offices—only front desk persons. I was hired to work during the weekends. The young Filipino professionals started to get together through the Filipino Cultural Club."

Cravalho asked Baxa if he knew of any Filipino teachers who could help the Filipino youth because of the language problem in the schools. "Baxa

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Growing up in Pā'ia, I attended Doris Todd Memorial Christian Day School now known as Doris Todd Christian Academy. I loved the music program and I enjoyed singing about and celebrating our country. Doris Todd, as a school and through its affiliated church community, made it a point to teach students about American patriotism.

While we learned and sang all the songs you would expect, perhaps my favorite tune was written by Baptist seminarian Samuel Francis Smith:

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside  
Let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills.  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.*

I can't remember when I realized Smith, intentionally or not, used the same tune as the British song honoring its monarch, "God Save the King" (more familiarly known to us during the second Elizabethan era as "God Save the Queen"). Nor did I dwell on the irony that a Filipino kid born and living in Hawai'i would belt out "Land where my fathers died" when my Sakada grandfather and father hailed from the Philippines (arguably my grandfather arrived in 1928 as an American National but like my father

and mother would need to be naturalized as a citizen in the 1960s). But as someone born in the State of Hawai'i, I know the United States of

# DINENGDENG & PINAKBET

*Despite its not-so-palatable history, I love America; the land of the free and the home of the brave ...*

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

America was my native country as much as Barack Obama's. As I've grown older, I've been surprised in learning some of the undercurrents of the various songs we view as patriotic songs. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously riffed nine times on that song's image of "Let freedom ring" to end his "I Have A Dream" speech, perhaps conscious that the song's celebration of a free people didn't apply equally to everyone:

*And I say to you today my friends,  
let freedom ring. From the prodigious  
hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom  
ring. From the mighty mountains of  
New York, let freedom ring. "From the  
mighty Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!  
Let freedom ring from the snow  
capped Rockies of Colorado!  
Let freedom ring from the curva-  
ceous slopes of California!  
But not only there; let freedom ring  
from the Stone Mountain of Georgia!*

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State Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran stands with mom, Nana Lydia, in the halls in the White House.  
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Keith-Agaran's wife, Kallie stands with Nana Lydia in front of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. where resides the President of the United States.  
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Young Gilbert Agaran sits at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.  
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Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran (right) poses with Senator Rosalyn Baker and newly appointed Senator Lynn DeCoite.  
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## America ...

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*Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain in Tennessee!*

*Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill in Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.*

*And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we're free at last!'*

Perhaps King was well aware of abolitionist A.G. Duncan's 1843 anti-slavery version:

*My country, 'tis of thee,  
Stronghold of slavery, of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Where men man's rights deride,  
From every mountainside  
thy deeds shall ring.*

Of course, we also learned to enjoy Katharine Lee Bates's poem which Samuel A. Ward put to music:

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

Treated as an informal national anthem for nearly a century ("The Star-Spangled Banner" adopted formally in the 1930s), the song both captured the American myth of manifest destiny across the continent but also recognized a nation falling short of its stated ideals:

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!*

Surprisingly, perhaps, Jewish immigrant Irving Berlin's God Bless Ameri-

ca gets viewed with mixed emotions. Written initially in 1918 and considered too somber by the writer for use in a comic vaudeville revue, Berlin re-worked it as a peace song on Armistice Day as the world hurtled towards war in 1938. But given the era when it gained prominence (Kate Smith's version was repeatedly played on the radio), some considered the song too nationalistic and chauvinistic.

Most of us growing up also learned Woody Guthrie's response to God Bless America:

*This land is your land  
and this land is my land  
From California  
to the New York island  
From the redwood forest  
to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.*

*As I went walking  
that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me  
that endless skyway  
I saw below me  
that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me.*

An early version of Guthrie's song included:

*There was a big high wall there  
that tried to stop me.  
The sign was painted,  
said 'Private Property.'  
But on the backside,  
it didn't say nothing.  
This land was made for you and me.*

Regardless, the populist song that we have come to know appealed to American progressives.

As you read this column, please note these musings would be labeled as Critical Race Theory in certain circles. But my love and pride in being an American is not diminished by recognizing the historical struggle we've had in living up to its promise. Growing up in Hawai'i, with America's history in these islands and with its native people, I'm conscious of the importance of knowing uncomfortable facts. History in our islands simply doesn't begin and end with the 442nd/100th, the "Democratic Revolution of 1954", the ILWU organizing plantation labor or Statehood. And part of being American, being patriotic, is dealing with our original sins.

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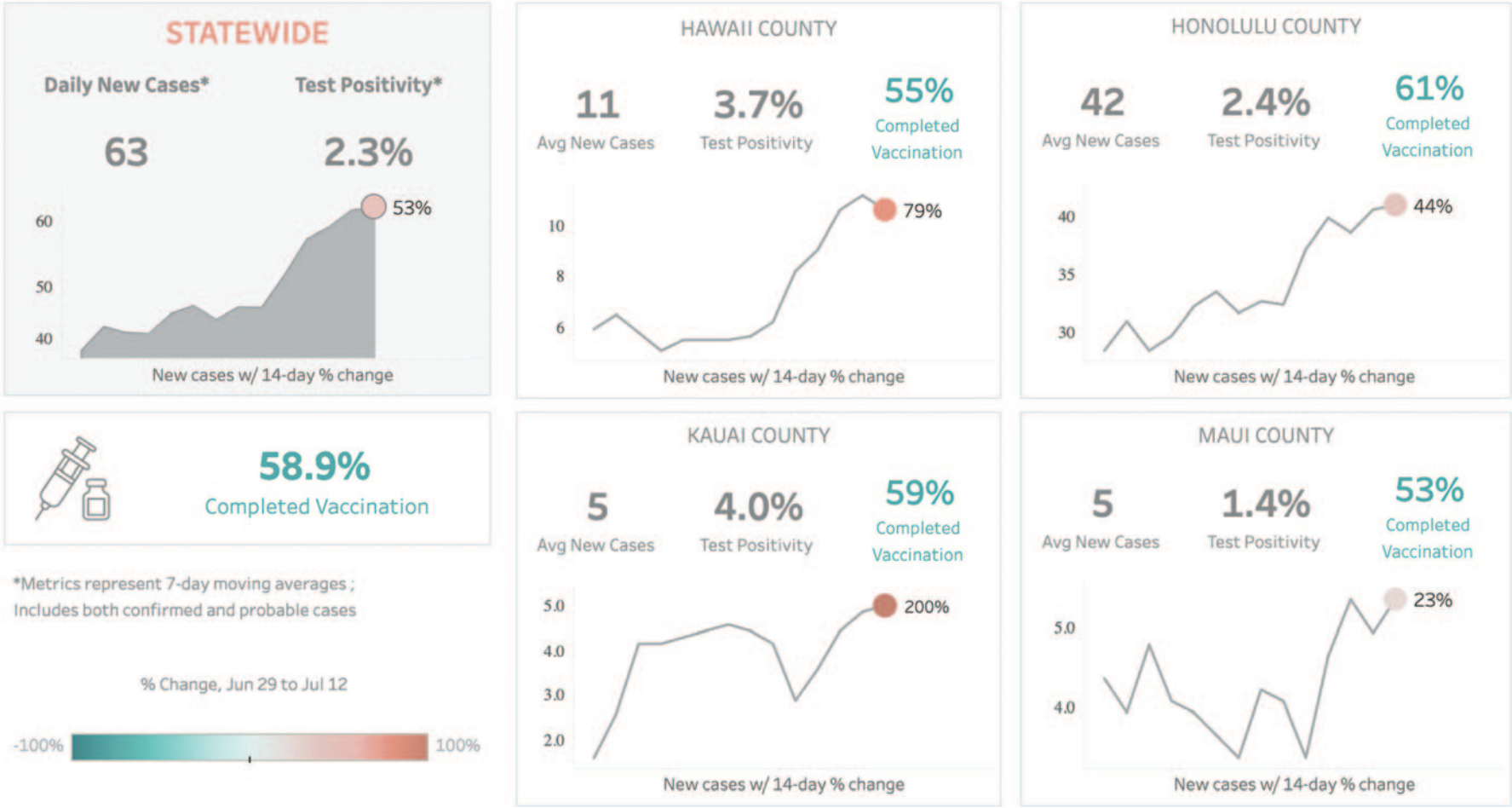
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Summary Metrics







Carl McNabb



Renzo James Gaoiran



Trevor Tang



Kyra Ong



Taryn Ligot

What word has the power to invoke both dread and anticipation simultaneously in the hearts of high school students?

College. Students planning on continuing their education and pursuing a degree in a field of their choice find their senior year almost completely centered around the college application process.

As daunting as the essays and scholarships may seem, however, thinking about the future can be exciting! College is an excellent opportunity for Maui students to broaden their worldview and go to school in an entirely new environment, especially if they want to go to college outside of Hawai'i. Being on a small island comes with its advantages but implies fewer opportunities for ambitious Maui students.

Numerous high school seniors are taking flight this summer to prospective colleges on the mainland to see what's beyond the tropical horizon,

myself included. A trip to visit family in southern California doubled as an opportunity to scope out campuses that caught my interest. One of my favorites was Pitzer College in Claremont, California. Although I had taken a virtual Pitzer tour, being on campus was an incomparable experience. Not only was the school beautiful and environmentally sustainable but it was easy to tell from our student tour guide how much the Pitzer students loved their school. Growing up on the small, close-knit island of Maui has shown me the importance of community, something I found in Pitzer.

Having a close bond with students and teachers is crucial to me. Depending on the individual, aspects of college life can be prioritized over others and ultimately be the deciding factors. For instance, **Carl McNabb** from Baldwin High School is looking for a col-

lege to suit his academic and athletic aspirations. As a competitive swimmer for Hawai'i Swim Club, Carl is interested in a college with a swim team to continue doing the sport he enjoys.

And, of course, there's an app to help him find just that. Carl explains the college swimming recruitment

Senior year can be notorious for college preparation related anxiety. "I remember looking at a large document that told me about the college application process (it was 100 pages long) and that stressed me out because it seemed I had a lot to do,"

Class of 2021 graduate **Trevor Tang** divulges. This fall, Trevor is attending his first year at the school of Applied Computational Mathematical Science at the University of Washington. One of the secrets to his success was getting a head start on college applications in the summer. "You do not want to begin during the fall since there is a lot of work to do," Trevor remarks. Balancing schoolwork, extracurricular activities

and college applications can be difficult so getting at least one of those out of the way will make for a lower maintenance senior year.

**Kyra Ong**, a fellow Maui High School senior, took advantage of her summer vacation by touring over ten colleges this past month. Out of them, Claremont McKenna in Claremont, California, was her favorite. Kyra appreciated the school's friendly environment, saying, "everyone [there] wants to help you succeed." As well, the Claremont Colleges have a unique system—any student of Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Scripps, Pomona or Claremont can attend classes at the other campuses if they choose.

Their setup seems perfect for making the transition between high school to college as smooth as possible. Kyra admits she felt overwhelmed and extremely nervous about college before embarking on her visits. "Now, I know that wherever I end up is where I am supposed to be," she concludes.

Once you get into the perfect school for you, University of Port-

land alumni **Taryn Ligot** has some advice. "It's really cliché," she says "but just stay true to yourself." Taryn admits she was anxious she wouldn't make friends or find the right college niche at the beginning of her freshman year. After becoming close with her dorm roommate and opening her shell, she realized she had nothing to worry about. "You don't want to look back on your four years and realize you wasted it with the wrong people," Taryn points out.

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program he uses "is helping [him] a lot with finding great swimming programs and scholarships." Wittenberg University in Ohio and Florida State University are two schools Carl is excited to tour virtually. The campuses are close to where his family members live and have health science and kinesiology majors, perfect for an aspiring physical therapist like himself. "These colleges will help accommodate my future goals," Carl says.

Location is frequently a big part of a college's appeal too. "Back when I was five to seven years old, I always had the thought of going to a school on the West Coast to continue my education," Maui High School senior **Renzo James Gaoiran** recalls. The difference in lifestyle on the West Coast compared to Hawai'i has always intrigued him. Not only that but his two interests, nursing and film production, could be further nurtured.

Renzo is planning to visit the University of Washington and the University of Portland later this year. His parents helped him plan part of the trip but Renzo took responsibility for choosing the colleges. While planning, he admitted it was "honestly hard" to find colleges with available tour dates. Renzo also had to consider his busy schedule at Maui High and his family's workdays.

Now, he is elated to explore the campuses. Until his college tours though, he plans on working through his Common Application profile. Renzo knows he has "a long path ahead" of applications to complete but believes all his hard work will pay off in the end.

***"Although I had taken a virtual Pitzer tour, being on campus was an incomparable experience."***

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On June 13, 2021, St. Anthony of Padua Church of Wailuku, Maui, held a celebration Mass by the Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu. The Mass celebrated the Parish Pastoral Feast Day, the 175th Anniversary of the Parish, the 138th Anniversary of the Marianists on Maui and farewell from Maui, and the 41st Anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

It brought me tears of joy for knowing the Marianist family and all the things they did for St. Anthony and tears of sadness for their leaving St. Anthony.

The Diocese took over this Parish on July 1, 2021. We look forward to a new era with Msgr. Terrance Watanabe as Pastor and Fr. Ese’ese “Ace” Tui leading the Parish.

With his permission, Bishop Larry’s Homily is reprinted here:

Most people who have great devotion to St. Damien would probably not know that it was at the dedication of the church that preceded this current church at St. Anthony, Wailuku, that he received the call to go to Kalaupapa to minister to the patients with leprosy. It was a little seed that was planted here without much fanfare, but it bore great fruit.

People all over the world continue to be inspired by dear St. Damien.

Who would know that formal Catholic schooling on this island began right here, and continues to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts

of countless youth and their families? Who remembers that ministry to the Spanish-speaking on Maui began through the efforts of a Marianist Brother decades ago, and continues to serve this community of immigrants

St. Anthony of Padua Church Blessed by the Marianist Hearts

Gone but will never be forgotten!

Deacon Patrick Constantino

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and kama’āina in a beautiful way? Who remembers the support this fledgling parish gave to St. Marianne Cope when she came to Maui to establish Malulani Hospital next door, the first hospital on this island?

Who would even remember that parish potluck so many decades ago where a young man met a young woman, fell in love, married, and raised a beautiful family for the Lord? Or the picnic where a young man was so inspired by his down-to-earth pastor that he heard the Lord’s call to the priesthood himself? Who could count the number of people over 175 years who were immersed in the saving wa-

ters of Baptism at St. Anthony Church or its many missions; people, like my own grandfather, who dedicated their lives in simple ways to loving and serving the Lord, because the seed of faith was watered, nurtured and cultivated here at this simple but beautiful parish?

Yes, when the seeds are planted, the farmer is often unaware of the progress of their growth, though he works very hard to till the soil, to pull out the weeds, and to simply wait in trust for the growth the Lord gives so that he can rejoice at an abundant harvest. As we recall the presence of the Marianists here on Maui for 138 years, there are millions of undramatic moments that involved them in ministries of every kind, from teaching, correcting, exhorting, encouraging, and being instruments of God’s loving presence here

on this island. And though we bid them farewell from this island where the sun is said to be held in place for a more abundant harvest, we thank the true and living God for holding them in place here all these years so that the light of Christ, shining through the beautiful prism of the Blessed Virgin Mary, could yield a rich harvest. Though they will no longer be here physically, their legacy lives on and will continue to bear much good fruit for generations to come. It is the time to rejoice in such an abundant harvest, given through decades of dedication, nurtured by joy, and brought to fruition by God’s

almighty hand and the thousands of good stewards of the Gospel these Sons of Mary have nurtured.

We are tremendously grateful to the Marianist leadership who have sent us so many Brothers and Fathers to serve this community in Maui, especially here at St. Anthony Parish and School. We thank God for all the Marianists who have served here over the past 138 years, especially Father Roland Bunda, Father Syl, and the beloved Brothers who serve us here and now. Their work is like the humble farmer who attracts little attention, but without whom we would simply starve to death. And we wish them continued abundant harvests wherever they may go from here.

Though we say farewell to the Marianists with most grateful hearts, St. Anthony Parish, I am confident, will keep its steady hands on the plough, because there are still so many hungers to be satisfied with the seed of the Word of God. There are hungers for strong marriages and families, for peace and harmony among people with diverse cultures and viewpoints, for justice for the poor and oppressed, and for solid Catholic education to stabilize a culture spinning into self-destruction. There is hunger for a respect for all life, from conception to natural death, and a hunger for the truth. There are those who are starving for affirmation from others, for forgiveness for their sins and crimes, and for true light in the midst of so much darkness. All of this will be accomplished, mustard seed by mustard seed, over many years, with many hands and hearts,

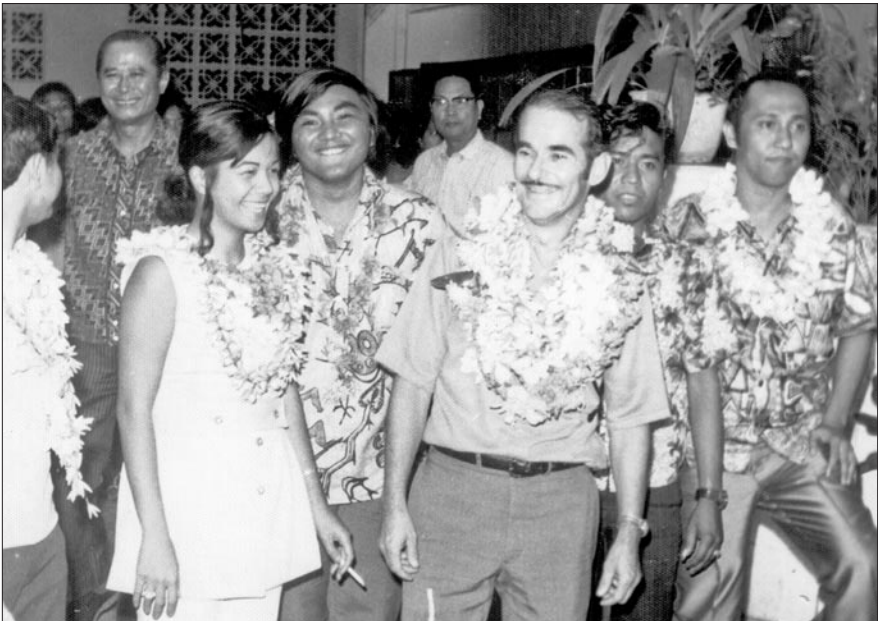
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Cravalho led the Maui Friendship Mission to the Philippines in 1971.  
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Cravalho with the Constantinos and Baxa visiting Dingras, Ilocos Norte in 1971.  
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# Cravalho ...

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asked me and Nancy Andres if we were interested in starting the ESL program,” recalls Evangelista. “We accepted the challenge and set up the program from scratch. The DOE assigned us to go to all the schools that had problems to learn more about the students with problems. Nancy and I attended numerous workshops, conferences, meetings with principals and teachers using countless hours of our own time in developing the program and even spent our own money for travel. At first, we acted as interpreters during school and later we went to the homes to meet the parents to explain what we were doing.”

Simultaneously, Cravalho knew it was important to involve the youth in sports activities and tapped Vince Bagoyo, Jr. to help him. “My professional career started when Mayor Cravalho first gave me (being a young immigrant) the opportunity to work as a youth peer counselor working under the Mayor’s office,” said Bagoyo. “I worked closely with immigrant youth and led the establishment of the Maui FilAm basketball league that culminated with the annual Barrio Fiesta basketball tournament. The primary purpose of this program was to help assimilate the immigrant youth with our Maui-born youth.”

After the 1976 Charter Amendments establishing the Department of Housing and Human Concerns with

the Office of Immigrant Services as a division within the department, Bagoyo was hired by Cravalho as one of the first immigrant services specialists and led the division at its inception.

Cravalho also played a key role in the Philippine Agricultural Training Program through the University of Hawai’i. One of those who came in 1979 was Arthur Latayada while Fernando Traje, along with eighteen other students from the Philippines, came in 1988. The agricultural students trained for two years on Maui and returned to the Philippines. A few of them, like Traje, Latayada, Pepito Valdez and Noel Escobedo returned to Maui and continued in farming.

Cravalho pursued these initiatives to uplift the Filipino community while still pushing through his vision for a modern Maui. Cravalho wanted a visitor industry that would make Maui distinctive, requiring Seibu Pacific to pay for the infrastructure to develop Wailea and seeking out the F.I.T.—the free and independent traveler—instead of the tour group specials. Cravalho wanted to create Maui as a destination vacation.

As Mayor, he also spearheaded the construction of the County building, the War Memorial stadium, and the Lahaina gymnasium. Throughout his tenure, Cravalho pushed developers such as Alexander and Baldwin to provide for infrastructure improvements and affordable housing as a condition of development—all of which earned

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“Life and Faith”



and with an undying hope in the victory of the Lord Jesus over the worst adversities. We thank God for the ex-

return to the field to till it in all our little ways, so that from here and abundant harvest may always be celebrated; so that here the living and true God may always be praised!



ample of faithful witness to Jesus that has marked this parish and all who have served it for 175 years! And we

Anthony and God will guide Msgr. Terrance and Fr. Ace Tui, to be the kind of parish he wants it to be.



With everyone’s help, it can be done. Let’s do it!

We are truly “gifted to give.” Let us give all we got to our church. Jesus, I trust in You! ❄️

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, Constanti-

no 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.





The 2021–2022 Binhi at Ani Board of Directors were installed by Mayor Michael Victorino during The Seed & Harvest Dinner.

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# COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

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



Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is now open for outdoor parties up to 180 guests.

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## BINHI AT ANI

Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is now open for gatherings outside (no more than one hundred 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.

### 2021–2022 Board of Directors

The 2021–2022 Board of Directors was recently elected at Binhi at Ani’s Annual Meeting.

The officers are President–Melen Agcolicol, Owner of Copy Services; Vice President–Michelle Balala, Educator at Kahului Elementary School; Recording Secretary–Jaycel Pardo, Educator at Kahului Elementary School; Corresponding Secretary–Michelle Santos, Office Operations Assistant for the Office of the Mayor; Treasurer–Madelyne Pascua, Business Manager at Christ the King Church; and Auditor–Rose Balmores, Client Manager at Maui Bookkeeping.

The directors are Arnel Alvarez, Guest Services at Grand Wailea Resort and a Radio Disc Jockey at KMPW; Nora Cabanilla-Takushi, a retired Educator and a Front

Desk/Reservations Agent at The Plantation Inn; Donnie Dadiz, Beach and Pool Supervisor at Fairmont Kealani; Chelsea Guzman, a Registered Nurse at Maui Memorial Medical Center; Rochelle Mendoza, General Manager of Maui Furniture Gallery; Marilyn Oura, a retired Housing Specialist with the County of Maui Housing Division; Mark Paranada, a retired Fire Captain with the Maui Fire Department; and Lawrence Pascua, Principal Consultant at Studio Creative Associates and Layout & Proof Editor at The Maui News.

The Board of Directors were installed by Mayor Michael Victorino on July 3 during The Seed and Harvest Dinner.

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The 2021 Binhi at Ani Scholarship Recipients together with the presenters during The Seed & Harvest Dinner.

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Program].

**Scholarship Recipients**

Binhi at Ani awarded twenty scholarships to the Class of 2021. The three top-rated students received \$2,000 while seventeen students received \$1,000.

“Thanks to the success of our inaugural Scholarship Golf Tournament and the generosity of our Scholarship Partners, we were able to award scholarships to twenty outstanding students,” said Melen Agcolicol, president of Binhi at Ani. The scholars were evaluated by an independent panel of judges and graded on academic achievement, honors and activities, an essay, and letters of recommendation. “All the students were successful in the classroom and in their co-curricular activities,” said Nora Cabanilla-Takushi, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. “They also volunteered hours and hours of their time to support our community organizations.”

The Scholarship Recipients are:

**Lance Christian Abut**, son of Larry Abut, Sr. and Leah Flor Abut. The Lahainaluna High School graduate will attend Seattle Pacific University, majoring in Business Administration. Abut received a \$1,000 In Memory of Gloria Evangelista Cajigal/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Marigold Baldonado**, daughter of Greg Baldonado and Maridel D. Baldonado. The Maui High School graduate will attend Oregon State University, majoring in Graphic Design. Baldonado received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Jerome Butac**, son of Fernand Butac and Marilyn Butac. The Maui High School

graduate will attend Pacific University, majoring in Applied Science. Butac received a \$1,000 Bayer Crop Science Hawai’i/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Kyson Calibuso**, son of Dwayne Calibuso and Maryann Calibuso. The Maui High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, majoring in Nursing. Calibuso received a \$2,000 Suzanne Michelle McGrath/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Lauryn Hashimoto**, daughter of Dean Hashimoto and Debbie Hashimoto. The Maui High School graduate will attend Washington State University, majoring in Biology/Chemistry. Hashimoto received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Mai Huynh**, daughter of Oahn Huynh. The Maui High School graduate will attend St. Olaf College, majoring in Political Science/History. Huynh received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Moses Ligot**, son of Rey Arellano and Alma Arellano. The Maui High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i Maui College, majoring in Business Administration/Marketing. Ligot received a \$1,000 McDonalds of Maui/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Sydnie Matsuda**, daughter of Mark Matsuda and Gwyn Matsuda. The Maui High School graduate will attend Pacific University, majoring in Education. Matsuda received a \$1,000 Kula and Hoku/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Erin Akemi Mukai**, daughter of Gregg Mukai and Tiffany Mukai. The H.P. Baldwin High School graduate will attend the

University of Washington, majoring in Neuroscience. Mukai received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Ariana Rose Pacleb**, daughter of Jupiter Pacleb and Marynor Pacleb. The Lahainaluna High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, majoring in Nursing. Pacleb received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Jeremy Peros**, son of Greg “Jay” Peros and Lorelle Peros. The Maui High School graduate will attend the University of California, Irvine, majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. Peros received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Haley Purdy**, daughter of Guy Purdy and Agnes Purdy. The Maui High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i Maui College, majoring in Pre-Pharmacy. Purdy received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Yuriana Robles**, daughter of Essau Robles and Tamara Juarez. The Maui High School graduate will attend Baylor University, majoring in Child Development and Family Studies. Robles received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Clouie Salacup**, daughter of Edgard Salacup and Lyn Salacup. The Maui High School graduate will attend San Diego State University, majoring in Psychology. Salacup received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Shania Tumpap**, daughter of Arnel Tumpap and Luz Tumpap. The Lahainaluna High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, majoring in Psychology. Tumpap received a \$2,000

Renato & Maria A.F. Etrata Foundation/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Abbygail Cinena Viloría**, daughter of Gerry Viloría and Eugenia Viloría. The H.P. Baldwin High School graduate will attend the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, majoring in Secondary Education-English. Viloría received a \$1,000 In Memory of Rev. Walter T. Baloaloa/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Alexis Joy Viloría**, daughter of Alex Viloría and Juvy Viloría. The Maui High School graduate will attend Stanford University, majoring in Anthropology and Journalism. Viloría received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Jacob Wittenberg**, son of David Wittenberg and Heather Wittenberg. The King Kekaulike High School graduate will attend San Diego State University, majoring in Political Science. Wittenberg received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Michael Wong**, son of Adrienne Wong and Gary Wong. The Maui High School graduate will attend Rice University, majoring in Electrical Engineering. Wong received a \$1,000 Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

**Jadynne Zane**, daughter of Darryl Zane and Jeremy Zane. The Maui High School graduate will attend the University of Southern California, majoring in Biomedical engineering. Zane received a \$2,000 Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran/Binhi at Ani Scholarship.

The Scholarship Recipients were formally introduced at The Seed and Harvest Dinner on July 3 at the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center.





# Food Trucks on Maui 2021

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog”

Where to get delicious food on Maui at an affordable price? Find some of the best Food trucks on Maui!

In 2017, I wrote a column about Food Trucks on Maui. It is time to talk story about it again and give you the 2021 updates.

There are many great Food Trucks on Maui. I will share three of my favorites, then will continue to share their stations where you can find clusters of them.

## Three of my Favorite Food Trucks

- 1. Maui Fresh Streatery** - Owned and operated by Chef Kyle Kawakami, this Food Truck is among locals’ favorites and sought by visitors too. Kyle Kawakami was a professor at UHMC and taught there for about ten years. He pursued his passion and in 2013 opened Maui Fresh Streatery. This Food Truck is known for delicious food as well as community service. Kyle has served hundreds of seniors during the pandemic through food distribution projects. Maui Fresh Streatery is found every Friday at the Ultimate Air Parking lot Kahului. Follow him on Instagram at @mauifreshstreatery for other locations because that is where he announces his schedule.
- 2. Geste Shrimp** - Geste is one of the pioneers of Food Trucks on Maui, thus I refer to it as the “Grandfather of Food Trucks on Maui.” It is famous for its shrimp (as the name implies). Formerly located at the Kahului Harbor, it has now found its home at the Plate Lunch Market, which is the cluster of Food Trucks across the road from Costco Gas Station in Kahului. (More about this place later in the column.) Geste’s Shrimp Plate currently costs \$15 which comes with twelve pieces of shrimp, two scoops of rice and a crabmac salad. There are assorted options on how the shrimp is cooked such as Hawaiian Scampi, Hot and Spicy, Spicy Pineapple and Lemon & Pepper. Take note they only accept cash. Follow them on Instagram at @gesteshrimptruck.
- 3. Vidad’s Local Kine Grindz** - Vidad’s used to have a restaurant at the Queen Ka’ahumanu Shopping Center but have since decided to simplify to only a Food Truck. Locals still flock to this place for classic Filipino dishes like *pancit*, *lumpia* and *adobo* fried rice. Since I am Filipino and I love Filipino food,

this is in my top three on my list—my go to for *pancit* and *halo halo*. Their menu offers a variety of local food, not just Filipino food but also other island style grinds such as *teriyaki*, chicken *katsu*, *kalbi* and *kimchi*.

## Location of Maui’s Food Trucks

- 1. Plate Lunch Market** - This Food Truck cluster is across the road from Costco Gas Station. This is the most popular Food Truck station not only because it is close to the airport but also they have some of the best and most popular Food Trucks on Maui. Here you will find Thai Me Up, Ono Teppanyaki & Seafood, Like Poke ...?, Tacos Maui 8 Wonder, Mo ‘Ono Hawai’i, Kalei’s Lunch Box and the recent addition is Auntie Sandy’s Banana Bread (yes, the famous banana bread at Ke’anae on the road to Hāna is now available in Kahului!)
- 2. Kahului Food Pod Near Marriott Courtyard** - This is the second Food Truck park across from Costco, near Marriott Courtyard. Many of the Food Trucks here are from the former Kahului Food Truck Pod on Dairy Road which became popular in 2020 but suddenly closed. Kahului Food Pod is not the official name but I’m calling that here for reference. Some of the popular Food Trucks are Kraken Coffee, Sparky’s Food Company, Da Nani Pirates, Tsunami Burger, Aloha Thai Fusion, Kahiau’s Poke Truck and Aloha Eats (vegan).
- 3. Kihei Food Truck Park** - This is the closest to where I live so I often visit here. Located at Pi’ikea Avenue, right behind the Azeka Shopping Center parking lot. This is a well-designed Food Truck park. The trucks and trailers are in a semi-circle around covered and lit picnic tables. Here you can find Kraken Coffee (and you can do a drive thru for coffee), Vidad’s Local Kine Grindz, Wing Kings Maui, Tsunami Burger, Da Nani Pirates and Kitoko Maui (new Food Truck).
- 4. Lahaina Food Truck Park at 741 Waine’e Street** – Waine’e Street is one street back from Front Street in Lahaina and that is where you will find the 741 Waine’e Street Food Truck Park in a parking lot. It is easy to miss. I look for the white with red lettering “\$5 Per Day” parking sign to make the



Food Truck cuisine has been a frequent treat since they have gained popularity.  
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- turn. The parking lot/Food Truck park is across from the Maria Lanakila Catholic Church (across from their cemetery). Here you will find Kusina ni Jayboy, Baya Bowls, Koko Grindz, taquerEATa and Tacos Y Mariscos Las Islitas.
- 5. Kā’anapali Food Truck Courtyard also known as the Honoapiilani Food Truck Park** - The Kā’anapali Food Truck Courtyard is located on Lower Honoapi’ilani Highway on the border of Kā’anapali and Honokōwai. It’s situated across the street from a strip mall that houses a Times Supermarket, Java Jazz coffee shop, snorkel rental shops and an array of convenience stores. A number of resorts are within walking distance, such as The Honua Kai Resort, The Mahana and The Kā’anapali Beach Club. A couple of the trucks are open at 11 a.m., but the courtyard doesn’t truly come alive until about 5:30 p.m. The courtyard closes at 9 p.m. and is generally open Monday–Saturday. Food Trucks here are Liquid, El Taco Borracho, Thai Food by Suri, Hooked, Chunky Paniolo, Ba Gul Ba Gul, Da Food Anchor and Sparky’s.
  - 6. Some of the Food Trucks** have their own location apart from the parks or clusters I men-

tioned. Here is a quick round up of some of the famous ones, google the name for the exact location: The Edge (Lahaina), Merienda Maui (Lahaina Cannery Mall), South Maui Food Company (Kihei), Outrigger Pizza (Kihei), Kina’ole Food Truck (Kihei), Bully’s Burgers (Kula), Sumo Dogs Maui (Kahului), Maui Cookie Lab (Makawao) (yes cookie Food Truck!).

There are many more but it’s time to wrap up our Kwento-Kwentuhan for today. And a friendly reminder, not all Food Trucks take credit cards, so make sure to bring cash when you decide to try one of them or at least call ahead to inquire if they accept card payments. ✨

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Cravalho ...

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him the 1974 *Hawai'i Business Magazine* Man of the Year honor. But the programs aimed at assisting the new immigrants, certainly endeared Cravalho to the growing Filipino community on Maui.

“His thinking was different,” recalls Cachola. “He wanted the Filipino community to come together.” Just like Cravalho’s famous campaign slogans of “Let’s work together” and “Let’s work together ... again.” Cachola recalls how The Carabao—Rick Medina ran against Cravalho. “There was a division in the Filipino community,” says Cachola. “Our friends were split. But after the election, two friends who were in the other camp wanted to join us. I talked to the Mayor and he said ‘bring them in.’”

Constantino recalls how Cravalho in his last interview on Akakū noted, “the three (Baxa, Cachola and Domingo) were part of his legacy.” Constantino said Cravalho’s statement “confirmed his heart for the Filipino community” which started when he met the Filipino workers at the plantations. “He would meet them at work and they in turn would invite him to their parties and he would go,” says Constantino. “He got to know them by name and built a relationship with them. He became part of their family

and was asked to be a Godfather to their children or a *Ninong*/Sponsor at their wedding. This explains his love for our Filipino community. It began when he first met our *Sakadas*, with his love and support overflowing to their families who is and was to become family to him.”

“He did a lot for me,” says Cachola. “I became close to him and he was like a second father to me. When I got married to Elie Cabebe in the Philippines, he was the only person from Maui to attend my wedding in the Philippines.”

Cravalho, who grew up poor, understood the plight of the Filipinos and their values of hard work and education. “He wanted to do for the Filipino community what Burns did for the AJAs,” Constantino believes. Cravalho, he thinks, wanted the Filipino youth to pursue higher education and created scholarships for them.

“I am forever grateful to the Mayor Cravalho who gave me the opportunity that led me to pursue the life of public service, says Bagoyo, who would later serve on the County Council. “This experience and his constant encouragement led me to leave the County and pursue my undergraduate and masters degrees. I can honestly say Mayor Cravalho’s influence is one of the turning points of my educational and professional career and I am forever grateful to be mentored by him.”



Cravalho campaign slogan sticker was popular back in the day.

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Cravalho crowning the 1970 Miss Maui Filipina. PHOTO COURTESY MAUI FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

“I was told his family was supportive of renaming the entry to the Airport and that settled it for me and the rest of the Maui delegation with Reps. Yamashita and Hashimoto taking the lead in the House and Sen. English in the Senate as a member of Senator Lee’s and Vice-Chair Inouye’s transportation committee,” Keith-Agaran says. “This represents only a small token and perhaps just the first, given Mayor Cravalho’s many accomplishments for the State and County but residents and visitors will see his name when they arrive and leave our island.” ✨

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College ...

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change. “Originally, I went in as a nursing major,” Taryn says. She loved being able to take care of people with hands-on care. Life happened, however and she ended up graduating college with a sociology degree. “What interests me about sociology is that it inherently applies to pretty much every aspect of life,” Taryn explains. “It’s a major that makes you think beyond yourself.”

For every high school senior at this point in their lives, there is still some unknown in their future. But seeing what kinds of colleges you are most attracted to will help you develop a sense of what kind of person you are and the type of person you want to be. So, until then, be honest with yourself and what you want—and get started on

those essays! ✨ **Google® Is Not Everything ...** is a monthly column authored by high school students. The title of the column emphasizes education is more than just googling a topic. Google® is a registered trademark. This month’s guest columnist is **Brooklyn Jones**, a Senior at Maui High School. She is an assistant editor in her school’s journalism program, *Saber Scribes*, and also a member of the *Girls Can STEM Club*. Brooklyn is in the *ACOM Pathway* at Maui High, specializing in graphic design. In her free time, she swims for *Hawai'i Swimming Club*, bakes and likes to go to the beach. She is the daughter of *Melissa Ligot Jones* and *Darren Jones*.



America ...

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In the end, the ideals of America remains. Freedom. Liberty. Equality. Democracy. Progress. Unity and individualism. So perhaps as we mark Independence Day in this post-pandemic summer, that old Irving

Berlin song, jingoistic perhaps, still resonates: *God bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam God bless America, my home sweet home.* ✨ **Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran** represents Central Maui in the Hawai'i state legislature.

