

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

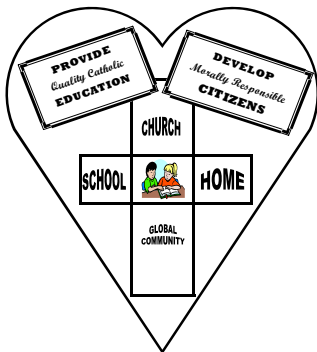
## *St. Joseph School*

### **Celebrate Valentine's Day with Alumni**



#### **Our Mission**

St. Joseph School, in partnership with the home, church, and global community, provides quality Catholic education in a safe and caring family environment. We prepare students to achieve their full potential, to be witnesses of their faith, and to become morally responsible citizens.



Sunday, February 14, 2010 will be an evening filled with sharing stories and fond memories with friends, enjoying delicious food, winning great door prizes, and having a fun Casino Night.

Enclosed is a special flier with more information on the purchase of tickets for this Valentine's Day Alumni event which will be held at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

Tickets are \$55.00 a person or \$100 per couple. Your ticket purchase includes dinner, two beverages (beer, wine, or soft drinks—alcoholic beverages—21 years and older), one drawing ticket for some great giveaways and casino game dollars for playing.

The doors to this Casino Night will open at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a memorable Valentine's Day with the St. Joseph Ohana.



We thank everyone who attended our Spaghetti Dinner and Luau last year. We hope to see you on February 14, 2010. **Be sure to share this news with other alumni and turn in your reservation and ticket money by Friday, January 15, 2010.**

### **Ma ka hana ka'ike**

**"In the doing comes real knowledge."**

Faith formation in our school community is at the heart of our mission. Service is one of the essential parts of this faith formation process. In December, our students have been collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program and adopting

needy families in our community. The students have also been contributing canned goods for our parish outreach pantry. With the challenging economic times, more needy families are seeking ways to feed their families. Each

of these projects inspire our students to see God in the faces of the homeless and the needy. In our mission of evangelization, we want to provide our students every opportunity to know God, love Him, and serve Him.



## ‘Ōlelo Television

This year, five students from St. Joseph School and five students from Maryknoll High School are learning how to create a video production. With the help of Mr. Glenn Medeiros, their teacher and advisor, the students have been attending classes at the ‘Ōlelo Television Center located at Wai-

pahu Intermediate School. On every Wednesday and Saturday since September, they have made the commitment to learn about all the video equipment and the many steps to create a video for public television.

Our students are creating a video about the history of Waipahu and how St. Jo-

seph School has an integral part of that history. In the last few classes, they have interviewed different people who shared their memories and history of Waipahu. We look forward to seeing their final production.

## Where are they now? The Class of 1996

By Chelyse (Remular) Lorenzo

**Cheryl Sabey:** Received a Master's degree earlier this year and is currently working as a multi-systemic therapist, a fancy word for in-home family therapist.

**Joseph Cabansag:** Attended college in Idaho for 4.5 years on a baseball scholarship. Upon graduation, Joe returned home and has been a teacher at St. Louis School for the past four years.

**Tatiana Piano-Espejo:** Former military, but was medically discharged in 2006. Graduated from Touro University International in December of 2008. Currently working as a Veterans service Representative at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Oakland Regional Office.

**Jennifer Reyes:** Attended Kapiolani Community College and became a Licensed Practicing Nurse (LPN). She later attended the University of Phoenix and received a Bachelors degree in Nursing. Jennifer is currently the assistant director of nursing at the facility and is in the process of going back to school to attain her masters.

**Ronnie Medina:** Graduated with an associates degree from Leeward Community College, and is currently working as an Auto-Cad drafter. He also is currently seeking employment at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

**Leslie Cabingabang:** After graduating from St. Francis, received a Bachelors degree in Family Resources from UH. Leslie graduated in August 2008 with an MSW. Throughout her college career she has worked with women and children who experience domestic violence. In 2007, she lived and worked in the Philippines for 2.5 months working with children in a shelter displaced from home because of abuse or substance use. Upon returning, she became a trainer for domestic violence in the Filipino culture. Leslie is the coordinator for the PAU (prevention, awareness and understanding) Violence Program at the UH Manoa Women's Center. She provides training and coordinates events around violence against women.

**Jade Retuta:** Received a Bachelors degree in Social Work in 2004 and started her present job as a Case Manager, assisting adults who suffer from serious mental illnesses. She is currently working on attaining a Masters Degree in Social Work and will be graduating in May 2010. Jade's ideal life would be to be a photographer and travel the world taking snap shots of the different lifestyles and cultures so everyone can appreciate and grasp the concept of what it is for everyone to be human. She also enjoys traveling. Some of her adventures include Japan, Costa Rica, NYC, and the Panama.

**Chelyse (Remular) Lorenzo:** After graduating from St. Francis, she received an Associates degree in Early Childhood Education from Leeward Community College, and soon received a Bachelors in Social Work from UH Manoa. She is currently employed as a Management Technician at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility assisting in the recruitment and processing of human resource personnel actions. She also currently works part-time at Parents and Children Together's Family Peace Center as a Facilitator, counseling women and children who have been exposed to Domestic Violence. Chey has been married for 3.5 years and has a 2 year old son and expecting twins..

**Rosalyn Ordonez:** Received a Bachelor in Science Nursing at Hawaii Pacific University. She worked at Kaiser for a few months, and soon received a full-time position in Vegas. Rosalyn moved back to Hawaii about a year ago. She currently works at Tripler AMC and enjoys her current job and the people that she works with.

**Christianne (Namocot) Leon-Guerrero:** Is currently a stay at home mom and loving it. She just had her 3rd child last December.! They are in the process of purchasing their 1st home. She shares that having a complete family has really been and will continue to be an amazing experience.

**Amie (Jarra) King:** Has been married for 3 years and have recently moved back to Hawaii after being in South Carolina, where her husband is from, for the past 5 years. Amie has been working in a lab setting for the past 5-6 years and is presently employed at Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii. She is currently in the process of going back to school to receive a degree in Medical Technology. She does not have any children yet, but they do have two dogs, which serve as children for the time being.

**Cesar Capistrano:** Joined the Marines shortly after graduating from High School. Upon joining, Cesar was sent on deployment to Afghanistan. Cesar was soon released from the Marine Corp and went back to school to study Network Engineering in Silicon Valley. He recently moved back to Hawaii and is finishing up a Bachelor degree in Networking. He is also a proud father of two.

**Janelle (Mejia) Ramos:** Married and has two sons, ages 9 & 5. She works and is in school full-time.

**Michael Adachi:** Currently works for Cox Radio as a DJ.

## Where are they now? (con't.)

**Joy Kikuchi:** Graduated from HPU with a Bachelor's in Journalism. She went to Japan to teach English for a year with AEON Corporation in Tokushima, Shikoku. Joy moved back home in 2006 and has been working as an Account Representative Supervisor for UHA since 2007. She plans to move back to

Japan to teach English within the next two years.

**Daralynne Recaido:** Recently returned home from Pennsylvania with her fiancé. She is currently a pharmacist technician at Walmart Keeau-moku and is about to renew her pharmaceutical certification in the state of Hawaii. Her next goal is to go back to school and achieve a degree as a

Pharmacist. Daralynne has not set a wedding date, but is really excited.

We are so proud of our many graduates and the fantastic professional careers they have chosen. Be sure to share information that will allow all our alumni to celebrate your many accomplishments since graduating from St. Joseph School.



## Our Heartfelt Appreciation for your Generosity

In the past year, our Development Office coordinators, Frances Abreu and Irene Sandry, have been working on building our database of alumni and planning events to help everyone renew their connection to our St. Joseph School Ohana. We are hoping that our alumni will help to realize the many hopes and dreams of our school community. We thank you for all the donations we have received that amounted to \$11, 571. We once again ask for your support. Your generous

donations help to provide financial assistance to needy families who want to provide their children with a Catholic education here at St. Joseph School. We strive to prepare our students to reach their full potential to be witnesses of their faith, and to become morally responsible citizens.

Your donations will also help in realizing our many dreams of:

- Expanding the Pre-K class which currently holds only 24 students.
- Having at least 5

computers for every classroom.

- Installing air conditioning in every classroom.
- Building a gymnasium.
- Building a new administration building with a cafeteria, library, and media center.

We continue to dream about the many possibilities for the future of our school community and know that with your help dreams can become a reality. We believe that with God

*With every dollar you contribute, you are making a difference in the lives of our children and their future.*



# SJS Alumni Luau

May 30, 2009, Saturday

## Mahalo Plenty!

By Irene Sandry

Our first Alumni Luau was held on May 30, 2009 at the school grounds.. The *onolicious* Hawaiian food was catered from Marujyo Caterers. Over 300 people attended this fun-filled luau! Many people volunteered their time to make this event so much fun and successful! We're already planning next year's!

Wonderful Hawaiian music was provided by the **Na Hoahanau Trio**, graduates of Sacred Hearts Academy. **Bernie Galang**, the Parish Pastoral Council President, was the Emcee and she kept the program rolling!

The entertainment was never ending with so much talent! **Alika Moon Kim '09** and **William Chow '09** did ukulele numbers; **Gwen Carranza '87** did her fabulous hula; **Frank Sua '85** played his special music; **Lynele Basug Nayal '82** and her daughter **Lynsey '06** did a lovely hula; future Alumna, the St. Joseph School Princesses (Pre-Schoolers): **Jayda Lauti** daughter of **Johnette Abreu Lauti '88**, **McKenzie Fagin**, daughter of **Belinda Peralta Fagin '88** and **Tania Ma'afala**, daughter of **Shannon Sandry Ma'afala '81** did their Brittney Spears dance routine; and **Pete Correa '53** did his tantalizing impersonation and dance of shake-rattle-and-roll! And Pete isn't a spring chicken! He was among the first graduating class of St. Joseph School! Amazing!

We even had the privilege of having **Father Sunny Ner, MS**, **Fr. Greg Honorio, Jr., MS** and **Edwin Conselva**, seminarian, do an inspiring hula! What talent in our school community!



Mahalo to Alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Joseph who generously contributed to the St. Joseph School Alumni Luau on May 30, 2009. We especially thank the following donors for this event:

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