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COEAA's 2019 General Membership Meeting

On Friday, June 7, 2019 the COEAA held its Annual General Membership Meeting and Luncheon at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Annually, the COEAA honors an alumnus/alumna who is an exceptional and outstanding leader of our educational community for his/her invaluable contributions to education.



Catherine Payne, current Board of Education Chairperson, and retired Department of Education Principal was honored as the 2019 Distinguished Alumnus in the presence of many of her friends, and colleagues. Also, in attendance at the annual event were COE Dean Nathan Murata, keynote speaker Dr. Glenn Medeiros, Farrington High School Ohana, current and former board members, alumni, and other guests.

2019 COE/COEAA Teacher Cadet Camp

On June 12, 2019, the COE and the COEAA co-sponsored an all-day teacher cadet camp for DOE students enrolled in teacher academies from Kapolei, Waipahu, and Pearl City High Schools. The pilot program was possible due to the leadership of Dr. Vail Matsumoto, an Assistant Professor



and a current COEAA Board member, who secured a UHM SEED grant for the project. The day started with icebreaker activities and a fieldtrip to the UH Children's Center. Then the students participated in workshops on Art in the Classroom, STEAM, and Design Thinking. At the end of the day, each student was presented with a certificate of participation.

The response from the survey submitted by the student participants were overwhelmingly positive and there were inquiries regarding future camps. Consequently, plans are underway for the 2020 Teacher Cadet Camp. This program is one means of recruiting students to the teaching profession.

Mahalo to COEAA Board Officers/Directors

The COEAA would like to extend a sincere gratitude and thank you to Kathleen Nishimura, Mona Tokujo, and Gayle Lum for their leadership, expertise, services, and contributions to the Board. These officers/directors of the Board worked arduously and unselfishly for six consecutive years to meet the goals of the organization. A big mahalo and aloha to all of you.



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COE Dean's Message

GREETINGS and ALOHA from the College of Education. Driven by "a sense of purpose and a sense of place," the college continues to be the premiere producer of teachers statewide with a commitment to rigor, collaboration, innovation, diversity, and social justice. The college also produces educational leaders, researchers, evaluators, athletic trainers, exercise science scholars, and rehabilitation counselors.

The COE's diverse degree options, which allow us to deliver a broad range of educational and workforce opportunities, often extend beyond the teaching profession. In the near future, the college will be home to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Diversity in degree options; programs; and faculty, staff, and students provides a synergy to help the college grow and enhance its footprint in preparing tomorrow's workforce and decision makers.

As we remain focused on student success, I have also prioritized being more faculty centered in acknowledgement of our dedicated and renowned faculty members. They are breaking new ground in ethnomathematics, multicultural/multilingual programs, place-based learning in STEM, and countless other programs that

have national and global implications. Faculty, along with our students and alumni, continue to engage in a phenomenal amount of work at the local, state, national, and international levels. Their numerous accolades include awards in educational research, Milk- en Educators, Teachers of the Year, Principals of the Year, PhD dissertations, and many more.

The *Be A Hero. Be A Teacher.* campaign continues with phase IV after the "Akamai Week" in September 2019 on Hawaii News Now (HNN). The UH System, COE, and Hawai'i Department of Education have contributed to this ongoing campaign to showcase the importance and value of the teaching profession. Look for monthly segments on HNN's *HI Now* morning show through early 2020. This campaign has extended into COE alumni events from Maui to Kauai so far. All of our alumni need to know that the COE appreciates their efforts and that we are indebted to their contributions and support of the college.

Our strategic vision for the future is in its second year. Four key principles have emerged from many months of dialogue, input, feedback, re-



Dean Nathan M. Murata

visions, and comments: 1. Native Hawaiian Place of Teaching and Learning; 2. Collaboration, Partnerships, and Community; 3. Innovation and Inspiration; and 4. Commitment to Research. Led by a core team, the strategic initiatives being developed will help direct and propel the college into the future.

The COE has a proud past, an exciting and challenging present, and a positive future. Keeping our alumni abreast of the college's progress is important to me as we move into the future with a vision for inclusiveness, innovation, diversity appreciation, flexibility, and a Hawaiian place of learning.



Nominations for 2020 Distinguished Alumni



The COEAA Distinguished Alumni Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award. Nomination packets may be downloaded from the following website: <https://coe.hawaii.edu/giving-alumni/coe-alumni-association/coeaa-distinguished-alumni-awardees>. The deadline for submittal of the nomination forms is January 31, 2020. If you need assistance with the nomination packet or have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Bebi Davis (bebi@hawaii.edu), Distinguished Alumni Committee Chairperson.

“Intelligence
plus
Character

—
that is the goal of
true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

The Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, June 5, 2020, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, at this event, we will have a silent auction to fundraise for scholarships for COE students pursuing teaching as a career and to continue with our future outreach activities. May we encourage you to participate. Registration forms for the General Membership Meeting/Luncheon will be attached to the Spring 2020 COEAA newsletter. We look forward to seeing many of you at this event.



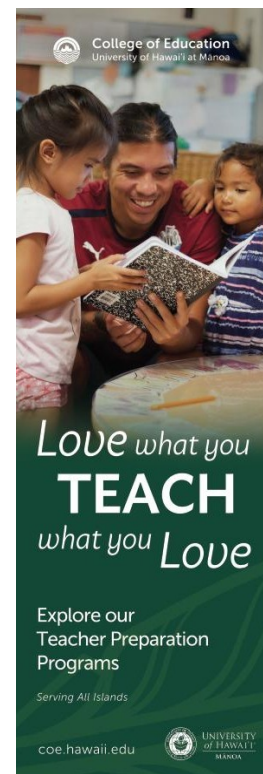
UHM Homecoming Picnic on the Path

On September 19, 2019, seven COEAA Board members were among the many volunteers who helped set up and man the Alumni Booth at the UHM Homecoming Picnic on the Path event sponsored by the UH Foundation Alumni Relations (UHFAR) office. Volunteers gave take-aways, such as pom-poms, see-through fanny packs, souvenir name tags and free cookies, while encouraging everyone to

attend the UH Homecoming game. Seen mingling among the students and alumni was COE's Dean Nathan Murata who was easily recognized especially by the UH athletes.



(Left to right) Stephanie Furuta; Jean Kiyabu, COEAA VP; COE Dean Nathan Murata; Helen Hasegawa, COEAA President; Charles Naumu; Holly Kiyonaga and Gwen Maeda, COEAA Treasurer. Missing: Jan Ikeda, COEAA Secretary)



Welcome to COEAA's New Board Members

At the Annual General Membership Meeting held on June 7, 2019, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, five new directors were elected to the COEAA Board. The new Directors of the Board are listed below with a synopsis of their educational experiences.

Michael Harano – Michael is a graduate of the COE's B.Ed. in Elementary Education, 5th Year Certificate, Special Education K-12 Teaching Certificate, and School Administrator's Certificate programs. His career ladder in education spans 43 years with the DOE. Michael's career includes teaching in the Title I Reading Program, Alternative Learning Center for At-Risk Youths, and Special Education. As an administrator, he has served as Vice Principal, Principal, and School Renewal Specialist for several schools in the DOE's Honolulu and Windward Districts. Currently, he is the Principal of Washington Middle School where he has served for the past 15 years.



Front Row: Holly Kiyonaga, Ellen Schroeder, Karen Moriyama, Kyle Maemori-Yoshida
Back Row: Dean Nakamoto, Michael Harano, Shelby Schwartz

He was a finalist for the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award and selected as the 2006 National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals' (NAESP/HEMSAA). In 2016, he was named Hawaii State Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP/HASSA). He currently serves on several local and national educational Boards.

Holly Kiyonaga – Holly is a graduate of the COE's M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Diploma in Secondary Language Arts Education programs. Her career ladder in education spans 36 years with the DOE, the community colleges, and abroad in Japan. She began her career as a language arts teacher with the DOE and then as a reading assistant and Alternative Learning Center instructor with the community colleges. Thereafter, she was an English instructor in Japan. Upon her return to Hawaii, she taught Language Arts and Japanese at several high schools and middle schools in the DOE's Honolulu and Maui Districts. Also, she was a Title I and Title VII (Bilingual Education) State Resource Teacher and Project Manager and English Language Learners Resource Teacher.

She later took on the role as Vice Principal at Kaimuki High and then as Principal at Royal School, McKinley Community School for Adults, Queen Kaahumanu Elementary, Hokulani Elementary, and Palolo Elementary. Her organizational affiliations include Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and Bainbridge Island Historical Museum.

Karen Moriyama - Karen is a graduate of COE's B.Ed., M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Education Administration programs. Her career ladder spans 35 years. First, as an elementary teacher, then a school counselor, and a District Resource Teacher. She then pursued a career in administration and was a Vice Principal at Wheeler Intermediate and a principal at Leihoku and Kanoelani elementary schools. She then became the Leeward District Deputy Superintendent and at the time of retirement was the Complex Area Superintendent for the Nanakuli-Pearl City-Waipahu complexes.

Dean Nakamoto - Dean is a graduate of the UHM's B.A. in Japanese language, UHM's M.A. in East Asian Languages and Literatures, and the COE's M.Ed. in Special Education programs. His teaching career began as an instructor in Japanese at UHM, where he taught beginning Japanese language courses in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and the College of Continuing Education. With the DOE, he has held positions as Preschool Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal. Dean is currently a District Educational Specialist in the DOE's Honolulu District Office, Special Education Section.

Ellen Schroeder - Ellen recently retired after serving Olomana School for 38 years. Her first teaching assignment was at the Adolescent Unit at the Hawaii State Hospital for psychiatrically fragile and dually diagnosed adolescents who were juvenile offenders. She then served as a Special Education teacher at Olomana School's administrative campus which serves alienated and adjudicated youth. Midway through her tenure, she became the Special Education Department Chair and subsequently worked as the Student Services Coordinator.

In her short retirement, she has increased her philanthropy in church activities that benefit the homeless and serves on the Boards of Youth Service Hawaii, an organization that promotes service learning in schools and the National Milken Educators of Hawaii. She remains an ardent supporter of programs that benefit marginalized youth and serves on Hawaii WASC accreditation teams annually. Her professional accomplishments include the following: 2002 J. C. Penney Points of Light Hawaii recipient, 1997 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year, and 1997 Hawaii Milken Educator.

Also, the COEAA Board of Directors would like to welcome the following new representatives from the COE's student organizations: **Shelby Schwartz** and **Kyle Maemori-Yoshida**, Co-Presidents of CESA, **Yuko Ida** of COEMSA, and **Mark McCormick** of COEDSA.

The COEAA Board of Directors look forward to collaborating and working with these new Directors and COE's student leaders to meet the goals of the organization and to provide support to the COE.