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## 2017 Distinguished Alumnus

The COEAA is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Ernest Libarios, Sr., as its 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. Mr. Libarios devoted 47 years of his educational career to improve and enhance the lives of students. He began his career as a counselor in 1965 with Hawaii Job Corps and in 1968 with Farrington High School. In 1969, he became the first Filipino counselor at Leeward Community College's Student Services Department where he created and developed Project RISE (Resourceful Individuals Seeking Education), a program aimed to assist at-risk and disadvantaged students to aspire and seek higher education through motivation and cultivation of positive support. The program received national recognition and awards and was the impetus for other programs to aid at-risk youths. Mr. Libarios' impact on community college students continues with the implementation of a recruitment and retention project known as "Discover Leeward Community College Day."



Ernest Libarios

Mr. Libarios has received numerous awards, commendations and recognition for his illustrious career as an educator, i.e., the Honolulu City Council in April 2016 for his many notable contributions and the 2017 Hawai'i State Legislature for his commitment and dedication to students. He was one of three faculty instructors honored in the University of Hawaii Alumni and Friends Fall 2016 magazine for his strong commitment to nurturing and educating Hawaii's youth and on August 17, 2008, Mr. Libarios was featured in the Honolulu Star Advertiser for his successful career as a counselor and professor. He is also a recipient of excellence in teaching awards from the University of Hawaii and the University of Texas in Austin. Mr. Libarios attained his master's degree in educational psychology and a 5th year certificate from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



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## President's Message

Aloha,

Alumni Associations across the nation share similar goals for their universities and similar quests for what it would take to 1) build their membership, 2) publicize their activities, 3) support the education community through mentoring and professional development, and 4) connect alumni to the university community. During the next two years, as President of the College of Education Alumni Association (COEAA), I would like to work with you and our sister/brother chapters toward those goals. A major stumbling block in the process has been to determine what will make our chapter relevant, a magnet that draws together individuals who value and share the commitment of supporting our community and meeting the needs of our students and the needs of all who can provide a positive influence on educational outcomes. I invite you to

join the COEAA and work with us to define what needs to be done to make a difference. We need you, your knowledge, past experiences, skills, and recommendations on what we can do to strengthen our services to our membership and to the University of Hawaii.

Ways to Join:

**Activate your FREE UHAA Online Ohana account.** You will need to enter your name and 10-digit alumni ID number. Don't have your ID? Contact the Alumni Relations Office at [info@UHalumni.org](mailto:info@UHalumni.org).



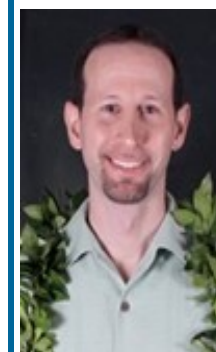
Kathleen Nishimura, President

**Sign up for or renew your paid membership** to receive discounts, event invitations and special pricing, and more. Visit the UHAA website to see a complete list of benefits. See what you're missing!

It has been a privilege to serve on the COEAA Board

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## Annual General Membership Meeting



Coach Eran Ganot

The annual general membership meeting will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The keynote speaker for this year's event is Mr. Eran Ganot, the University's head coach for men's basketball. Also, the COEAA is pleased to announce that

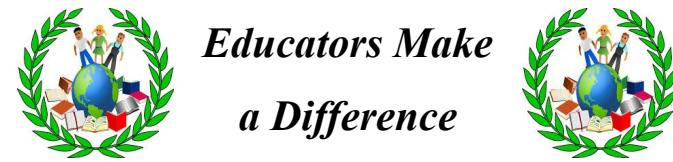
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for the last four years. The Board has worked tirelessly to support aspiring teachers, new teacher graduates, school administrators, and retired educators to promote quality education in the State of Hawaii. The COEAA Board partners with the College of Education and its student organizations (CESA and COEDSA) on joint projects to support the education community and build a culture of learning. Also, the Board is working towards strengthening its partnership with UHAA chapters in supporting UH alumni activities. Please join us, work with us, and help us make a difference.

I look forward to welcoming you to the COEAA!

Kathleen Nishimura  
COEAA President



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2016-2017 Milken Educator Award

Three COE Alumni were recipients of the 2016-2017 Milken Educator Award. The awardees, Masaru Uchino, Kelly Sutcliffe, and Jessica Villanueva are graduates of the COE’s M.Ed. in Technology, M.Ed. in Math, and B.Ed. in Elementary Education/Special Education programs, respectively. The awardees concurred that the COE prepared them well for the challenges of teaching.



Aloha and Mahalo, Katherine Kawaguchi

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM), College of Education (COE) ohana bids our warmest aloha and mahalo to Katherine "Kathy" Kawaguchi and extends our deepest condolences to her family. Katherine was an alumna of the UHM COE Educational Administration M.Ed. Program and was a former president and vice president of the College of Education Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Katherine Kawaguchi was a highly acknowledged and distinguished educator. Her initial career in education spans from Long Beach to Oahu (Leilehua and Radford High Schools) in teaching science. During her tenure with the Hawaii Department of Education, she also served as a resource teacher, educational officer, vice-principal, environmental education specialist, and educational specialist at the district level as well as an assistant superintendent in the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support.

Her career included experiences as analyst/planner with Hawaiian Electric Company's Consumer Affairs Division and as coordinator for the Kapolei Schools Project and Bishop Museum Science and Technology Center Project. Also, her career included lectureship in higher education at Cambridge College and Chaminade University of Honolulu. Recently, she was the director for the Educational Leadership Program and the Office of Naval Research Project at Chaminade University.

Katherine Kawaguchi worked tirelessly and unselfishly during the span of her career to ensure that the children of Hawaii were provided with the best education possible to prepare them for the future. We thank you, "Kathy," for your invaluable contributions to education and bid you our fondest aloha. You will be missed.

Honoring our Distinguished Alumni

The COEAA has selected and honored a distinguished alumna/alumnus each year since 1989. In this issue, we honor these exceptional and outstanding leaders of our educational community. Their contributions to education have been invaluable and they have been an inspiration for present and future educators. The table below is a listing of the recipients of the COEAA Distinguished Alumni Award to date:

Year	Name	Position
1989	Senator Sparky Matsunaga	U.S. Senator
1990	Gladys Ainoa Brant	Teacher & Principal
1991	Dr. Shiro Amioka	DOE Supt./Professor, UHM-COE
1992	Dr. Andrew In	Dean, UHM-COE
1993	Dr. Margaret Oda	DOE District Supt./Deputy Supt.
1994	Yun Soong Jim	McKinley High Teacher
1995	Dr. Doris Ching	VP, Student Affairs, UHM
1996	Ruth Kiehlm	Student Teacher Supervisor, UHM-COE
1997	Claudio Suyat	DOE District Supt.
1998	Dr. Hubert Everly	Dean, UHM-COE
1999	Dr. Mitsugi Nakashima	BOE Member/District Supt.
2000	Thelma Nip	Kaimuki High Principal
2001	Shigeru Hotoke	Kailua High Music Teacher
2002	Dr. Ichiro Fukumoto	DOE Director, Planning & Evaluation
2003	Dr. Carl Daeufer	Professor, UHM-COE
2004	Dr. Charles Araki	Dean, UHM-COE
2005	Dr. Janet Ishikawa-Fullmer	President, Human Resources Dev. Ctr., Inc.
2006	Dr. Don Nugent	DOE Asst. Supt., Personnel
2007	Henry Ariyoshi	Lahainaluna High Principal
2008	Ronald Bright	Castle High Teacher & Artistic Director
2010	Dr. Kathryn Au	Executive Officer, School Rise, LLC
2011	Odetta Fujimori	Teacher, HSTA President
2012	Iris Fukui	UH Administrator/Dean
2013	Meredith Maeda	Castle High Principal
2014	Ruth Silberstein	DOE Complex Area Supt., Honolulu
2015	Ann Mahi	DOE Complex Area Supt., Leeward
2016	Keith Hayashi	Waipahu High Principal

Note: No selection in 2009



Thank you for your contributions to education!



Each year the COEAA awards two scholarships to COE students enrolled in teacher preparation programs. The recipients of the 2017 scholarships are Caylee Yamamoto and Stanley Chan. Caylee is a teacher candidate in the B.Ed. in secondary education program in general science and Stanley is a teacher candidate in the M.Ed.T. program in elementary education. Congratulations Caylee and Stanley!

Meeting (continued)

Mr. Ernest Libarios, Sr., will be recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field of education.

The cost for members of the COEAA and students is \$30 per person and for guests the cost is \$35 per person. The registration form may be found on the insert of this newsletter. Please remit the form together with your payment by Friday, May 19, 2017.