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DEAN’S MESSAGE

After the extraordinary challenges of the past year and a half, I can truly say that I’m looking forward to reopening our campus, classrooms and offices in the fall. It’s been something we’ve all worked hard to achieve and I’m proud of our students, faculty, staff and alumni who made the changes at work and in their personal lives to persevere through the pandemic.

In our cover story, “Embracing Change,” individuals share the challenges and changes they’ve made during this time and the ones they hope to continue in the future. Their stories give us a glimpse into their professional and personal lives and perhaps the most meaningfully, what they’ve learned about themselves.

Despite the disruption, the college continued to experience many victories throughout the spring semester. The Hawaii Information Conference of System Sciences (HICSS) and the Hawaii’s Accounting Research Conference (HARC) were held online in January with a high participation rate. We congratulated several Shidler College student teams who placed in the top tier for national and international business competitions. We hosted a virtual event for our alumni living in Japan featuring Allan Ikawa, CEO of Big Island Candies.

Another exciting event shared plans for the upcoming live, learn and work center for entrepreneurship, which will open in 2023.

We closed the semester with two premier college events. Business Night celebrated its 60th anniversary and the TIM School’s Celebrate a Legacy in Tourism event honored Paul Kosasa, president and CEO of ABC Stores and Glenn Vergara, vice president and general manager of Waikiki Resort Hotel.

As many of you know, the pandemic has put a considerable strain on our current resources. For more than 30 years, the Shidler Business magazine, previously called the CBA Quarterly, has been a source of information to our alumni, local businesses and Hawaii’s community. To continue this publication, we have decided to begin the process of moving the magazine to a digital format. Starting from the next issue, those with valid emails will receive a digital version. Others will continue to receive a printed copy. However, you are welcome to choose how you want to receive your future issues by going to shidler.hawaii.edu/magazine.

Starting in the fall, we hope you’ll join us at in-person alumni events in Hawaii, on the mainland and abroad.

Please check our schedule of events on our college’s website. As always, please stay in touch and thank you again for your support throughout the pandemic.

Sincerely,

V. Vance Roley

Dean and First Hawaiian Bank Chair of Leadership and Management

ON THE COVER
Shidler College graduates participate in UH Mānoa’s hybrid commencement.

A hui hou, Dolly Omiya! We wish you all the best in your next chapter and we thank you for dedication to Shidler College.

Correction: In the Fall/Winter 2020 issue (pg. 15), we incorrectly referred to Daniel Lee as Daniel Lau in the first sentence.
EMBRACING CHANGE
SHIDLER COLLEGE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC
BY DOLLY OMIYA

As the nation moves closer to returning back to some level of normalcy, the Shidler College joins many businesses and organizations looking for ways to embrace some of the positive changes brought on by the pandemic while remaining vigilant for the unexpected.

“The global pandemic has taught us that remote learning works for the majority of our students and faculty, but not all,” Shidler College Dean Vance Roley, said. “When the college shut down last March, our faculty quickly moved classes online to address students’ academic questions and professional goals.

“My most rewarding experience has been the flexibility that the technology has provided,” he said. “Utilizing technology has allowed me to stay on top of my work responsibilities during these challenging times of social distancing without needing to be in the office. I do find the lack of in-person human interaction to be a continuing challenge and am very much looking forward to interacting with students and fellow staff members in-person in the upcoming fall semester.”

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on the travel industry and the School of Travel Industry Management (TIM School). “All TIM School student services staff have been working remotely since the beginning of the pandemic. The transition to remote work in March 2020 posed an initial learning curve for all involved—students and staff alike—but everyone has been able to adapt,” Carissa Gusman, TIM School academic advisor, said. “By implementing more electronic forms of communication and services, including social media, email, the website, Zoom and STAR, we are able to continue to provide remote support and our engagement with TIM students remains high. On a personal level, I have enjoyed the flexibility that working from home brings (no commute!) and spending time with my amazing officemate, and Dexter.”

Unfortunately, the pandemic shutdown caused a real disruption in the college’s internship program. “Many companies shifted to virtual work, which did not lend itself to mentoring interns,” Rick Varley, director of internship and career development, said. “Despite this, we still successfully placed 146 interns in the fall of 2020 and 144 in the spring of 2021, about 40% less than pre-COVID numbers, but certainly better than expected.”

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“One thing everyone can agree on is that life as we know it will never be the same. The pandemic has changed the way we work, live, engage and play. The best thing we can do moving forward is to embrace the changes that truly matter.”

-Justin Meilgaard
Shidler COVID Coordinator

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS FALL

Starting this fall, students registered for in-person courses will see changes at the Shidler College. They include frequent sanitation procedures throughout the day, 3-feet of social distance between desks, separated tables and benches in the hallways and in the courtyard and hand sanitizer dispensers on every floor and tower.
Embracing Change

In a year with unprecedented disruptions, many individuals found themselves embracing small changes they made in their work, school and personal lives. We asked many of our faculty, staff, students and alumni to share the most impactful change they made in their life that they hope to continue.

IN LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPACTFUL CHANGE YOU MADE IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU HOPE TO CONTINUE?

Jerry Agrusa, Professor, School of Travel Industry Management
“The most impactful change in light of the pandemic I made in my life is to focus my research on assisting Hawaii’s hospitality and tourism industry to recover from the pandemic and provide the most positive impact for the residents of Hawaii. By presenting the research data and recommendations to Hawaii’s leadership that emphasizes sustainability for Hawaii’s residents, its land and culture as well as the employment that tourism provides, hopefully, policies and procedures will be developed that work in synergy.”

Clare Fujioka-Sok, Admissions Advisor
“Discovering an enthusiasm for cooking and baking has been an exciting experience. It has allowed me to focus more on my health, provided an opportunity to be creative and has been a welcome outlet to invest my time and energy into. I look forward to continuing to share my food adventures with family and friends.”

Alyssa Mencel, BBA Candidate and Shidler Global Leader
“During the pandemic, I realized how hard it had become to connect with others and build relationships. To fix this problem I was having, I decided to try and reach out to a different connection, mentor or friend every week. This change helped me build stronger relationships even through a computer screen and I hope to continue doing so.”

Krystal Lee, Program Manager, Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship
“The pandemic forced me to cook at home more regularly and eat dinner at a normal time. Who knew that having dinner at 6 p.m. could be so life-changing!”

Sonia Ghumman, Associate Professor of Management and Shidler College Faculty Fellow
“Let it go! Accept that not everything in your life is under your control anyway.”

Derwin “Kekai” Edayan, BS ’18, MHRM ’19, Hotel Assistant Manager, Mauna Kea Resort
“Through the hardships of the pandemic, one of the most impactful changes I have made would have been focusing on my health. Losing 55 lbs. and managing the weight loss have been key in supporting a good work-life balance. It is pertinent that we care for and be mindful of our health as this allows us to carry on and service our guests. This includes self-awareness, weight management and stress management. It’s tough keeping up but well worth the journey.”

Jordan Baird, MBA ’21, MSF ’21
“Luckily, by the time of the COVID pandemic I had already derived income from investments so my lifestyle was already home-based and was not significantly impacted. The most significant change in my life brought about by the pandemic was my implementation of investment strategies capitalizing on highly volatile market responses.”

BY DANI DOUGLASS

In its first completed year, the college’s 12-month master of science degree programs in finance, information systems and marketing management survived the pandemic and are thriving.

The first group of 28 students are receiving their degrees this summer. The programs were designed for business students who have recently graduated and would like to acquire more in-depth knowledge of a specific field. These programs are also geared toward current undergraduate Shidler College students who are completing their bachelor’s degree in finance, marketing management or information systems in the fall or spring. This is called a “4+1” option and is a great opportunity for students who wish to earn an advanced degree in their fifth year.

“An additional year in one of our master of science programs gives students a tremendous advantage in the workplace. Not only do they gain specialized knowledge in their field, but also have an opportunity to network, hone their managerial skills and develop their career paths.”

-Vance Roley

MASTEROING ESSENTIAL AREAS OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF FINANCE (MSF)

This program provides students with in-depth knowledge in the principles and practices of finance. Graduates will have greater opportunities to work in finance-related careers, such as commercial banking, investment management, wealth management, financial planning, risk management and insurance and real estate.

MASTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MSIS)

This program provides students with advanced managerial and technical skills to meet the demand for information technology (IT) professionals across business sectors and around the globe. The program is designed to equip graduates with the skills needed to be successful in a rapidly growing business environment.

MASTER OF MARKETING MANAGEMENT (MSMM)

This program provides students with in-depth knowledge in marketing management. A graduate degree in MSMM broadens graduates’ opportunities to work in marketing-related careers, including public relations, market research, advertising, promotions and events.

Clockwise from top: Clare Fujioka-Sok, Derwin “Kekai” Edayan, Sonia Ghumman and Alyssa Mencel
MENTORSHIP IS THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF THE COLLEGE

BY DANI DOUGLASS

Mentorship is an integral part of the student experience and culture at the Shidler College. The mentor and mentee relationship provides students with the opportunity to learn from and develop a relationship with a seasoned professional. On the other side of the continuum, the mentor shares his or her work knowledge and experience with students who are passionate and eager to learn from someone within their chosen career path. For many decades, the college has provided multiple mentorship opportunities for the next generation of business and hospitality industry leaders.

SHIDLER COLLEGE MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Business Night, the college’s premier mentorship event occurs annually and partners students with business leaders for a night of networking and fellowship.

The Executive Mentoring Program (EMERG) provides current Executive MBA students with a seasoned executive mentor for a six-month program that aims to encourage professional and personal growth. The students also join a True North Group as part of the program. Last year’s program ran from Aug. 24–March 24 and provided program participants with a valuable experience.

“The True North Group has been amazing and exceeded my expectations,” Shidler Distance Learning Executive MBA student Sophia Saindon-Davies, said. “I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to become a better leader and better understand themselves. It has been a way to grow personally and professionally.”

The Recent Alumni Mentoring Program (RAMP) program provides recent alumni (those who have graduated within the past five years) with a six-month program that aims to encourage professional and personal growth. The program is designed to serve as a pathway for participants to accelerate their careers.

The Shidler Global Leaders (SGL) Mentor Connect Program provides senior-level SGL undergraduate students with an opportunity to connect and learn from leading business professionals. This program aims to foster relationships that will carry into students’ futures.

The Direct Admit Mentoring Program is available to all Shidler Freshman Direct Admit Program (DAP) students during their sophomore year. This program is capped at 20 students to keep the group small enough to provide guidance in intimate mentorship groupings. This program is designed to serve as a pathway for participants to accelerate their careers.

TIM SCHOOL MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Nā Kukui Netlinks event takes place annually and is an opportunity for TIM School students taking the Events Planning and Marketing course (TIM 316) to gain experience in planning and executing a function.

The event began in 1995 in order to bring together today’s industry leaders with future leaders. Students are able to develop and build long-lasting relationships through mentorship while gaining the skills and experiences necessary to plan and host large-scale events.

The TIM School also offers a Freshmen Mentorship Program. The program runs from mid-Sept. through mid-May and provides incoming freshmen with the opportunity to learn from upperclassmen students. The mentors provide insights about the college experience, including the skills they’ve developed in the program and share about their personal experiences. The mentees have the opportunity to meet new people, expand their networks and learn from fellow students who have traveled a similar path.

If you have general mentorship questions or are interested in becoming involved in Shidler College’s mentor programs during the 2021-2022 academic year, please email Bianca Mordasini, senior director of alumni and external relations, at bianca.mordasini@uhfoundation.org or call (808) 956-3263.
Congrats, graduates!

A special virtual commencement reception became available for viewing on the college’s website on May 14 for the 349 undergraduate and 98 graduate Shidler College students who are now college alumni. The recorded video features speeches from Dean Vance Roley, student representatives and alumni leaders and a special donor roll call. On May 15, an estimated 220 graduates attended UH Mānoa’s in-person diploma presentation and photo session. Participants were each allowed to bring two guests with them as they were presented with commemorative scrolls from the Shidler and TIM Alumni Associations, containing a tumbler, T-shirt and business card holder.

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Business Night celebrates 60 years of mentorship

Despite the pandemic, the college celebrated Business Night’s 60th anniversary virtually on May 6. “It was an honor to continue the 60-year legacy of Business Night to ensure that students are recognized for their achievements and given opportunities for professional development,” Alexandria Tyau, Shidler College senior and Business Night executive director, said.

In keeping with tradition, the program introduced award recipients and their sponsors as well as provided an opportunity for students to meet with professionals through breakout rooms. The college also featured a special 60th anniversary video, which highlighted the impact of Business Night on students throughout the years.

With support from Hawai‘i’s business community, alumni and friends, the college presented 47 awards to top undergraduate and graduate students totaling $87,000. First Insurance Company of Hawaii served as title sponsor for an unprecedented 15 years and Hawaii Business magazine served as media sponsor.

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SHIDLER ON SOCIAL

Check out these posts from accounts that tagged @shidlercollege on Instagram! Be sure to tag the college in your social media posts for a chance to appear in the next issue. Mahalo for the support! @j.yagz, @hsentrepreneurs, @ibcmanoa and @pacehawaii.

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HICSS and HARC conferences successfully move online

Due to the ongoing pandemic, more than 300 accounting researchers and high-profile practitioners from around the world participated virtually during the three-day Hawai’i Accounting Research Conference (HARC) in January. The conference was held for free over Zoom and featured 23 tracks and more than 75 sessions as well as two concurrent poster sessions.

The conference featured keynote speaker Katherine Schipper, Thomas E. Keller Professor of Business Administration at Duke University Fuqua School of Business. Her presentation focused on what makes accounting research consequential.

The growing conference drew more than 100 papers across 17 research areas and continues to attract promising doctoral students each year.

The primary objective of the conference is to provide an enjoyable and affordable venue for attendees from around the world to engage in lively discussions on relevant accounting research. The conference also issued continuing professional education credits for participants.

“We pride ourselves on making the conference student-friendly,” Hamid Pourjalali, HARC co-founder and Shidler College professor, said. “It is an excellent opportunity for doctoral students to network and find mentors among senior faculty attending the conference. Since its inception in 2018, HARC’s paper submissions have tripled in number.”

The next in-person HARC Conference will be held at UH Mānoa from January 3-5, 2022.

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The TIM School and the Shidler College held the 19th annual Celebrate a Legacy in Tourism event on April 29 virtually for the first time in its history. Each year, the Legacy in Tourism and the TIM Alumni Hall of Honor awards are presented to alumni and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to tourism in Hawai’i and worldwide; and significant contributions to the development of the TIM School at the Shidler College. The 2021 Legacy in Tourism award was presented to Paul Kosau, president and CEO of ABC Stores and the TIM Alumni Hall of Honor award was given to Glenn Vergara, BBA ’84, vice president and general manager of the Waikiki Resort Hotel. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the sponsorship committee, led by Co-chairs Vicky Cayetano and Larry Rodriguez; and the generosity of sponsors and individual supporters, the event raised more than $180,000. Proceeds will benefit TIM School student scholarships.

The TIM School and the Shidler College received reaccreditation from the AACSB International, a global organization that sets the standards of excellence for business and accounting schools worldwide.

For students, the AACSB accreditation ensures that their school offers a challenging, relevant and quality business education with high caliber faculty to prepare them for the business world and is recognized by top employers and universities worldwide.

“Everyone at the college has worked diligently to improve all areas, including teaching, research, curriculum development, academic and professional engagements and student learning,” Shidler College Dean Vance Roley, said. “It is a rigorous review process that the college has to undergo every five years to meet the high standards of the AACSB International accreditation.”

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Twenty-four doctoral students from top accounting programs worldwide attended the inaugural Hawai’i Accounting Research Doctoral Institute’s (HARDI) three-week consortium in June. They joined a group of distinguished accounting researchers to discuss, share and develop relevant research in accounting. The researchers included Mary Barth, Stanford; Patricia Dechow, University of Southern California (USC); Mark DeFond, USC; W. Robert Knechel, University of Florida; Terry Shively, UCI Irvine; and Richard Sloan, USC.

“We are committed to narrowing the ‘academic-practice’ gap that has been widening over the years in the accounting discipline,” Hamid Pourjalali, Shidler College professor and HARDI founder, said. “To accomplish this goal, we have created a 20-member professional advisory board and an eight-member academic committee to identify relevant research topics and invited only the top doctoral students from 85 universities ranked for their accounting programs. It is our hope that the tuition-free HARDI consortium will add greatly to stimulating accounting research worldwide.”

Celebrate a Legacy in Tourism raises $180k

Top doctoral students attend HARDI
SPRING/SUMMER 2021
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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP

Wendy Peterson and Jeffrey Van Hoosear of Knobbe Martens hosted the workshop. Attorneys Wendy Peterson, BBA ’82, and Jeffrey Van Hoosear from the law firm Knobbe Martens hosted a virtual Intellectual property workshop. The dynamic duo presented their workshop titled “Let’s Talk Story: Trademark Tips and Traps,” which highlighted the importance of protecting copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets. The event was free and open to all UH students and faculty. Peterson serves on the PACE board of directors and is an alumna of Shidler College and the William S. Richardson School of Law.

UH VENTURE COMPETITION FINAL

Two UH startups received $10,000 grants each after successfully completing Liftoff Advisors. The program is designed to support new venture founders in the delicate period after starting a venture and before pitching it to investors. For six months, the two teams worked toward achieving their own goals while receiving guidance from hand-selected business advisors. Volunteer advisors include Tim Homuth with Tako, Inc.; technologist Zachary Kim; Chris Rehkamp with Triple Pine Pizza; Auston Stewart with Twitch; Eric Tom with Teradata; Lee Wang with Landed; and Breck Yunts with Publit Domain Publishing Company.

The innovative startups include Reelfresh, a company that offers a mobile application to connect fishermen and consumers; and Pear, a company that deploys online assistance by connecting wellness coaches to older adults. To find out more and support these companies, download the Reelfresh app for free on iOS and Android and visit pace.shidler.hawaii.edu/liftoff.

CO-FINDER STARTUP MIXERS

The Family Business Center of Hawai‘i (FBCH) Ulu na Alaka‘i (Growing Leaders) program has graduated its first cohort. The 10-month program is designed to aid high-performing, mid-level managers as they prepare for the next leadership level in a family business. Shortly after classes started in March 2020, the program needed to move online because of the pandemic. Fortunately, the majority of the coursework had already been planned for a virtual format and only minor adjustments were necessary for the participants to complete the program. The FBCH also hosted several speakers over the past several months, covering everything from cybersecurity to how the next generation defines success and finds new opportunities to take a business to the next level. One of the key highlights of these talks has been the resilience to push forward despite hardship and challenges. Many family businesses are rooted in their histories and desires to honor and continue the family legacy.

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1 | ACCOUNTING CLUB VOLUNTEERS TO HELP HAWAI’I’S FAMILIES

Accounting Club members (from left) Chloe Cabanig, Alyssa Williams, Johnny Lui, Jacquelyn Tran and Eric Choy volunteered at the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (HMHB) Coalition of Hawai‘i in March. They spent the afternoon preparing marketing materials, packaging baby supplies and organizing the storage room. HMHB is a local nonprofit agency committed to improving Hawai‘i’s family health.

2 | TIM SCHOOL STUDENT CLUB RECEIVES A GIFT

From left to right: Abigail Badua, Janisse Ibana, Wesley Wailehua and Sofia Acosta pose with check. The Club Management Association of America (CMAA) student club recently received a $1,000 donation from its parent chapter, CMAA – Aloha State Chapter, during the CMAA Annual Summer BBQ Dinner. The funds will be used to help the club kickstart the upcoming school year in funding social events, annual CMAA conference registration fees, supplies and other club related activities.

2 | PIVOTING SUPER CLUBS DAY INTO A VIRTUAL EVENT

The Inter-Business Council (IBC) found a creative way to transform Super Clubs Day into a virtual event. Representing their clubs, more than 200 business club members participated in a friendly competition of various challenges and games. IBC’s funding for this event usually goes to providing snacks, water and Gatorade. Instead, IBC shifted its funding to provide a virtual grocery experience for the winning clubs to share with its members.

4 | ACCOUNTING STUDENTS WIN VIRTUAL INNOVATIVE CHALLENGE

A team of undergraduate accounting students clinched first place at the TrueUp Student Innovative Challenge on March 22. They were among 20 teams nationwide to compete in the three-day virtual competition to review data and create an overall strategy on Pueblo Hospitality, LLC, a lodging company that operates hotels in several states across the U.S.

The first-place team consisted of Michelle Yim, Camrie Kubota, Isaiah Lopez and Victoria Kashiwai. The team used their data analytic skills to measure the company’s performance and collaborated online to create a video presentation and pitched their business strategy virtually to a panel of certified public accountants and business professionals. The event is sponsored by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and Crowe.

5 | STUDENT AWARDED $10K SCHOLARSHIP

Wrenna Delgado has been selected as a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) scholar for the 2021-2022 academic year. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in the U.S. who has shown remarkable talent in the field of accounting. Delgado will receive a $10,000 scholarship from PCAOB, a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to oversee audits of public companies.

6 | VOLLEYBALL IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

Congratulations to the UH Mānoa men’s volleyball team, the 2021 NCAA national champions! The team, which is composed of 13 Shidler College students, defeated Brigham Young University in three sets (25-21, 25-19 and 25-19) on May 8 to claim UH’s first NCAA team title since 1987 when the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team defeated Stanford.

Opposite hitter Parapunov, the American Volleyball Coaches Association and Big West Player of the Year senior, led the way for the Rainbow Warriors with 13 kills hitting .357 and three service aces. Senior middle blocker Gasman added seven kills and two blocks and outside hitter Galloway contributed six kills hitting .667. The game also marked the final match for Rainbow Warrior seniors Parapunov, Gasman and van Eekeren. Go Bows!
Research


Faculty in the News

MoneyGeek.com — Expert Advice on Comparing Car Insurance Quotes & Rates and Understanding Liability-Only Car Insurance, (2/16/21), Jerry Agrusa, professor of TIM USA Today — Need a rental car for your trip to Hawaii? Be prepared for high prices, low inventory, (3/31/21), Jerry Agrusa, professor of TIM

They include Jay De Ryck, who served for more than 30 years as hardware support engineer in the Computer Resources and Telecommunications office; Rikki Mitsunaga, who served more than 15 years as the director of Student Services, Business and International Programs, where she oversaw the Shidler Global Leaders and the Freeman and Johnson Scholarship Programs; and Dolly Omiya, who served as the director of the External Relations office and managing director of the Shidler Business magazine for more than 25 years.
Scholarship honors hotel and hospitality leader

Barry Wallace

A new $50,000 scholarship endowment has been established in honor of the former executive vice president of Outrigger Enterprises Group, Barry Wallace, who passed away in May 2020. Wallace's wife, Nancy, established the scholarship to support the TIM School undergraduate students.

Nancy Wallace said her husband developed a strong love for the culture and people of Hawai'i and called the state his home. By establishing the Barry L. Wallace Scholarship Endowment, she hopes to continue his legacy and spread aloha to the next generation of local hotel leaders.

Wallace and his family moved to Honolulu more than 25 years ago to join the Outrigger and OHANA Hotels & Resorts. Coworkers described him as smart, humble, supportive and inspirational. According to his family, employees worked "with him" and not "for him," which earned him respect at the corporate level.

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Alumni renovate dean’s suite and conference room

Alumnus Curtis Freeze, MBA ’87, gave a generous gift of $250,000 to modernize the dean’s office, which is now known as the Curtis Freeze Dean’s Suite. The space, which includes a reception area, conference room and several offices, had not been touched since it was built in the 1970s. The refreshed space now includes new furniture, carpeting, paint and upgraded lighting.

The conference room renovations were funded by a group of alumni from Hong Kong and is now called the Hong Kong Alumni Group Dean’s Conference Room. The group collectively gave $200,000 to complete the major facelift. Each donor’s name is listed on a plaque displayed in the conference room.

A traditional Hawaiian blessing was held earlier in the year to commemorate the completion of the project and the reopening of the space. A virtual event was also held on March 13 to provide updates and show a video of the blessing ceremony and the newly refurbished space to donors.

Supporting Shidler

In this challenging time, your support of the college is needed more than ever. Your donation ensures that the Shidler College can continue performing at a level of excellence while providing students with valuable resources and support to stay on track with their academic and career goals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help to strengthen our community and future leaders. Please consider making a gift of any amount to one of the following funds.

Shidler Advancement Fund

Funds are directed to where they are needed most, including student support, enrichment programs, faculty research, as well as alumni outreach and engagement.

For more information about making a gift, please contact Kristi Bates, executive director of development, at (808) 956-3697 or kristi.bates@uhfoundation.org.

Travel Industry Management Development Fund

Funds student activities and clubs, academic development, continuing education courses and conferences.

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Shidler Strong ends campaign well over fundraising goal

On June 30, Shidler College wrapped up Shidler Strong, its year-long fundraising campaign created in 2020–2021 to raise much needed funds for the college. The result was an outpouring of support from Shidler College alumni, faculty and staff, local businesses and community supporters. As of May 27, the campaign raised a total of $557,706, well over its goal of $350,000.

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Ed Wary Memorial Golf Tournament

The Ed Wary Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Ed Wary, BBA ’68. Wary was a Honolulu restaurateur and a lecturer at the TIM School for more than 25 years. His wife, Tina Wary, created the scholarship in his memory for TIM School students in order to support future entrepreneurs and restaurateurs.

“Ed always enjoyed a day of golf with friends and played hard,” Tina Wary said. “He put that same energy into the restaurant business and as a dedicated lecturer at the University of Hawai‘i. He loved mentoring his students and staff and impacted lives through his kindness, knowledge and unwavering commitment to the industry.”

Ed Wary’s love of golf inspired Tina Wary to celebrate his life with the Ed Wary Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 27 at the Mid-Pacific Country Club. Proceeds from the event will help support the scholarship fund.

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appropriated funds and Jay H. Shidler’s $228 million gift to the college in 2017. “Funds raised through the Shidler Strong campaign help the college continue scholarship and program support and fulfill ongoing commitments impacted by this community crisis,” Shidler Dean Vance Roley, said. shidler.hawaii.edu/strong

Shidler College of Business Alumni Association funds scholarships for graduate students

The Shidler College of Business Alumni Association has committed $45,000 to fund graduate student scholarships at Shidler College, to be awarded over the next five years. The Shidler Alumni Association Scholarship for Graduate Students will provide financial support to students in the new master of science programs in finance, information systems and marketing management with preference given to college alumni.

The Shidler Alumni Association has a strong giving record to their alma mater. Previous gifts include the Shidler College of Business Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship in 2007, which is primarily used to fund Direct Admit Program (DAP) scholarships; a collaborative workspace for student entrepreneurs in the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE); and an award at the annual Business Night event since 2012. The association has also funded several sponsorships for regional alumni events and mixers, including the first-ever Shidler Global Leadership Summit in Vietnam in 2019.

“It is incredibly important for Hawai’i’s students to have the opportunity to receive a world-class education right at home,” said Matt Cox, chairman and CEO of Matson. “Our hope is that, over time, this new scholarship program in partnership with UH and 14 other colleges, universities and maritime academies in the communities we serve will help attract high-achieving ethnic minority and female students to careers in shipping, transportation and logistics.”

In addition to this most recent gift, the company established the Matson Navigation Company, Endowed Chair in Global Business in 1985 and has funded the annual “Outstanding MBA in Operations Management” Business Night award since 2013.

Ritchie and Sunny Mudd Scholarship for undergraduates

Shidler alumna, Sunny Mudd MBA ’92, and her husband, Ritchie Mudd, have established the Ritchie and Sunny Mudd Endowed Scholarship at the Shidler College. Their scholarship will benefit undergraduate students pursuing a degree at the college, with a preference for first or second generation immigrant students or students that are the first in their families to attend college.

The Mudds valued their college experiences, which led to their own great success as business entrepreneurs. As a member of a Korean immigrant family, it is important to Sunny Mudd that this scholarship will support other promising students who may be the first in their family to attend college. While not a UH alumna, Ritchie Mudd has made helping Hawai’i’s students among his highest priorities, serving as a UH Foundation trustee from 2012–2021. Their shared passion for education and their belief that it is the key that leads to more opportunities, made the decision to establish this scholarship a natural choice. “Our hope is that our gift will encourage talented and hard-working students to pursue their career goals and contribute to their family’s and the community’s well-being,” Ritchie Mudd said.

Matson establishes new scholarship for undergraduates

The Matson Navigation Company, Inc. has committed $25,000 over the next five years to provide scholarship support to undergraduate students who are pursuing a degree at Shidler College. The Matson Scholarship for Leadership Diversity fund will provide scholarships for high-achieving students with demonstrated leadership ability and a strong work ethic.

“We are determined to do our part to combat systemic racism in our society and to increase diversity in senior business leadership roles, particularly in our industry,” said Matt Cox, chairman and CEO of Matson. “Our hope is that, over time, this new scholarship program in partnership with UH and 14 other colleges, universities and marine trade academies in the communities we serve will help attract high-achieving ethnic minority and female students to careers in shipping, transportation and logistics.”

Meet Savan Patel, EMBA ’15, the CEO of S&P Holdings, Inc., managing partner of Alana Investment Group and the president of Pacific Asset Strategies. In his multiple roles, Patel is responsible for the day-to-day management of the business operations and investments. Prior to his current roles, he served in the U.S. Navy as a submariner. He lives in Wailuku, Maui with his wife, Jessmine, and daughter, Olivia, and serves on the Shidler Alumni Association board.

Tell us about the three businesses you lead.

“I founded Infinium Interiors in 2014, which is a commercial, office furniture and interior design/packaging planning business serving a variety of markets, including the Pacific Rim. Earlier this year, I sold the company to Alana Investment Group of which I am a 50% partner. Alana acquires commercial real estate and real estate-related operating companies. Our current portfolio consists of Pacific Assets Strategies, a commercial property management firm; Sea Imports, a wholesale business; and Infinium Interiors. Lastly, S&P Holdings, Inc. is a privately held investment firm. Investments range from equities, real estates and opportunistic investments.”

What’s your advice for current students?

“Work for companies and people you admire and do not shy away from challenges. The challenges and difficult tasks you take on early in your career will help you develop professionally and prepare you for the next stage in your life and career. The world has changed and will continue to change dramatically. Be the forerunner of that change to make it better. The only person that will limit your successes is you, so don’t be afraid to take risks. Make thoughtful decisions and be in charge of your destiny. Don’t let anyone dictate who or what you can be in life.”

What do you do to relax/destress?

“Spend time with my wife and daughter and golf when I can. I workout three to four times a week and go for long walks to clear my head and have undistracted thinking time.”

What projects/initiatives are you currently working on?

“We’ve invested a tremendous amount of time and energy into future-centric technologies to better serve our clients in each business. We are always looking for ways to be better and faster, while cutting costs and becoming more efficient. For example, we launched our online store in May 2020 for our furniture business in order to condense our sales process and also free up personal time to work on bigger projects that require more of their attention. We are also integrating technology platforms to substantially ease the burden that building owners face for our property management company.”

What’s your favorite lunch and activity outside of the office?

“Tacos and golfing and traveling.”

What are some of your favorite memories of Shidler?

“I graduated from the EMBA program, and that was really my only taste of campus life. My undergraduate degree was online over the course of many years since I was in the military. My time at Shidler was exciting, as it propelled and shaped my business career in more ways than I could imagine. The camaraderie in our cohort was one of the best experiences. I was able to meet many people from a variety of backgrounds and many remain good friends. The program opened many business and investment opportunities for me. The key to most things in life is relationships. The EMBA program not only gave me a degree but more importantly, a lifetime of valuable relationships.”

How did your experiences at Shidler prepare you for what was to come?

“Although I didn’t realize it at the time, being in the EMBA program and starting a business at the same time proved to be good timing. I was able to work on a business plan and receive assistance from my professors and cohort in launching the business. Although business school cannot possibly prepare you for all of the obstacles of operating a business, it did provide a finite set of tools and knowledge to help me better manage and grow the company. Almost everything I learned in the program has come in handy over the years.”
1 | FIRST VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE VINEYARDS IN THE BOOKS

The Shidler Alumni Association’s 21st annual Executive Vineyards fundraising event looked different this year but was a success nonetheless, with more than $30,000 raised to support Shidler College initiatives and programs. Guests logged on from the comfort of their own homes on March 11 to attend the virtual gala, which was emceed by KHON2 reporter Kelly Simek live from the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Activities included small breakout sessions, an interactive trivia game and an insightful wine tasting seminar given by Bruce Neyers of Neyers Vineyards in Napa Valley.

Many attendees enjoyed specially curated meals delivered to their doors from La Tour Café, MW Restaurant and Hy’s Steakhouse. With all hands on deck, Shidler Alumni Association board member volunteers and Shidler Global Leader students were on site at the restaurants to assist with pick ups.

The Shidler Alumni Association extends a big mahalo to all the sponsors, silent auction donors and attendees who made this year’s virtual event possible. It takes the collective support of the community to raise funds for student scholarships, programs and alumni outreach initiatives. Next year’s Executive Vineyards event will be held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

2 | A SWEET GATHERING WITH ALLAN IKAWA

Alumni and friends living in Japan joined a special online talk story event on March 6 with Shidler alumnus Allan Ikawa, BBA ’71, chairman and CEO of Big Island Candies. Ikawa shared his story of humble beginnings and gave the participants an exclusive tour of his Big Island facility. Guests also mingled with one another during the session and had the opportunity to ask questions.

Following the event, Ikawa provided a special Sig Zane–designed omiyage box of Big Island Candies treat to attendees. The cookies traveled more than 4,000 miles to arrive at guests’ homes.

3 | SHIDLER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Shidler Alumni Association held its annual meeting virtually on June 23. This year’s guest speaker was Shidler alumnus Dave Matlin, MBA ’97, University of Hawaii’s athletic director. Matlin provided attendees with exciting updates regarding UH Athletics. Dean Vance Roley provided Shidler College updates, as did the Shidler Alumni Association and the UH Office of Alumni Relations.

During the meeting, René Enrique Layne, BBA ’07; Kimberly Straube, EMBA ’21; and Kelly Vea, BBA ’18, were welcomed as new board directors. Carol Higa, BBA ’81, and Charis Taniguchi, BBA ’99, were also thanked for their service as directors.

4 | TIM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES

The TIM Alumni Association has a new name and logo! Previously called TIM International, Inc., the alumni group for graduates of the TIM School, recently received a refreshed look. The association has grown with the TIM School, serving more than 4,000 alumni worldwide. Its goal is to assist members in staying connected and up-to-date on the local and global travel industry.

The association’s executive officers were also inducted earlier this year. Serving in these leadership roles for 2021-2022 are Lee-Ann Choy, BBA ’88, president; Glenn Vergara, BBA ’84, vice president; Nicole Okuna, MS ’98, secretary; and Lois Sizmar, BBA ’72, treasurer.

5 | UH’S NEW LIVE, LEARN, WORK STUDIO

Shidler College alumni, friends and donors joined a virtual discussion on June 18 about the new Residences for Innovative Student Entrepreneurs (RISE) public-private partnership project at the former Atherton YMCA location. Guest speakers Monica Umeda, co-founder of Akabotics, and Susan Yamada, BBA ’82, vice chair of PACE, provided exciting updates to nearly 25 attendees.

6 | TIM AA BEACH CLEANUP

Approximately 15 alumni and friends came together on June 5 to network and lend a helping hand to clean up a popular Windward Oahu beach park. The group met on a beautiful morning to collect trash along “Sherwoods” at Waimanalo Bay Beach Park. By the end of the morning, the group picked up approximately eight buckets of trash.

An exciting component of this community service project, which was organized by Jared Matsuki, BS ’19, was a special drawing for the Indulge Sunday Brunch at 100 Sails Restaurant & Bar at the Prince Waikiki Hotel. Congratulations to TIM student Rhema Wong; Clyde Min, BBA ’71; Kristie Lo, BS ’01; and Lee-Ann Choy, BBA ’83; the lucky winners of the delicious brunch for four!
Anthony Wong, BBA ’90, has been appointed executive director of Central Pacific Bank Foundation in February. In this role, he is responsible for managing the strategic planning, programs and operations for CPB Foundation. Amemiya, who was a candidate in the mayoral race in 2020, most recently served as senior vice president of Island Holdings, Inc.

Todd Aps, JD/MBA ’92, joined the Hawai’i Community Foundation as vice president of partnerships and public affairs. Previously, he was senior vice president of community development for Howard Hughes Corporation. Micah Kane, MBA ’95, was named “2020 CEO of the Year” by Hawaii Business Magazine. Kane has been the CEO of Hawai‘i Community Foundation (HCF) since 2017. He was recognized for his leadership at HCF and throughout the community especially during the pandemic.

Todd Aps, MBA ’02, has been appointed chief financial officer of Palama Meat. Her responsibilities include increasing efficiency and strengthening the company’s operations and financial strategies. Prior to this role, Sawai served as director of Honolulu-based accounting firm AATS LLC.

2000s

Chun Hui Chen-Decosta, MBA ’06, and her jewelry company, Komakai Jewlery, was featured in a Q&A article on the UH Alumni website. In the article, Chen-Decosta says that the most rewarding aspect of being a small business owner is the opportunity to do something that she loves every day.

Damian Davila, MBA ’09, has been promoted to marketing manager at CBRE. In this role, he serves the Pacific Southwest marketing team and works with sales professionals in the Hawai‘i region. He is the lead marketing consultant on business development initiatives for CBRE in Hawai‘i. Davila joined the company in 2017 and he has more than 10 years of experience in marketing and advertising.

Monica Salter, MBA ’97, has been promoted to vice president, global communications and social responsibility, for the Outrigger Hospitality Group. In her elevated role, Salter will continue to steer the company’s global communication strategy by leading the company’s corporate social responsibility efforts. She also serves as the primary media contact and manages social media platforms and oversees corporate partnerships.

2010s

Emily Bertino, EMBA ’19, has been appointed national operations recruiter at Guarantied Rate Affinity. In her role, Bertino connects with potential candidates and places candidates with the company. She previously served as a general manager trainee at Tory Burch.

Eric Fukushara, BBA ’15, has been named assistant controller for the Fiscal Services department at the University of Hawai‘i Foundation.

Alicia Fung, MBA ’19, has been appointed an associate at Carlsinht Ball LLP. In this role, Fung is a part of the transactional practice group based in Honolulu. She is involved with real estate and real estate development and also advises on business transactions and corporate law.

Jonathan Fung, MBA ’12, has been promoted to vice president in the FinTech Investment Banking department at Evercore. In this elevated role, Fung supports FinTech clients and manages deal teams in the execution of mergers and acquisitions and capital market transactions. He most recently served as an associate in the department.

Manoel Hossain, MBA ’16, was promoted to operations analyst at Wealthsimple, an investment management service in Canada. In his new role, Hossain conducts corporate client onboarding and works to make improvements to the company’s internal business processes. He previously served as an operations associate for the company.

Shannon Lum, BS ’12, MHRM ’17, has been named the director of human resources at the Alka Napa Valley in St. Helena, California. In this role, Lum’s duties include recruitment and staffing strategies, wage and salary

CLASS NOTES

Keith Amemiya
Anthony Wong
Todd Apo
Micah Kane
Emily Bertino
Alicia Fung
Jonathan Fung
Manoel Hossain

Left to right: Steve Haumschild, Allan Ikawa and Doug Shimokawa.

The Best of Small Business 2021

New categories were added this year and 14 companies and three past winners were inducted into Hawai‘i’s Small Business Hall of Fame this year. Hawaii Business magazine announced the 2021 honorees in April. Congratulations to these Shidler College alumni and their businesses who made the list for 2021: Lanikai Brewing Owner Steve Haumschild, EMBA ’11, Small Biz Editor’s Choice Award Beverage: Big Island Candies Owner Allan Ikawa, BBA ’71, Hawaii Small Business Hall of Fame honoree; and Pacific Senior Vice President Doug Shimokawa, MBA ’11, along with colleagues Kelly Ueoka, Scott Watanabe and Geary Chun, Small Biz Editor’s Choice Award-Tech.
administration, associate and labor relations, workforce training and development and local diversity initiatives. Lums previous role included being the assistant director of human resources at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa & Casino.

Robert Matsumura, BBA '18, has been promoted to client success partner at ProService Hawaii. In his new role, he advises clients and focuses on strategic priorities for company retention and growth. He works to maximize the value of client partnerships by driving solutions for business needs and issues while maintaining satisfaction with the company’s products and services.

William Nihou, BBA '10, was named the 2021 president of the board of directors of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) - Hawaii Chapter. The chapter selected Nihou to provide leadership guidance to the organization, which serves Hawaii’s public relations, marketing and communications community. Jordan Ozaki, MBA '19, has been promoted to account executive at IQ 360. In this role, he develops and executes marketing and communications campaigns, working with businesses across a variety of industries. He previously interned at Mitsubishi Fuso, a global commercial vehicle manufacturer, in Japan. He also serves on the board of the PRSA - Hawaii Chapter.

Rachele Pezel, BBA '11, has been promoted to general manager of the PEO Division for Employers Options. In this role, her duties include essential management functions within the company and monitoring budgets to optimize growth, profit, customer and employee satisfaction.

Lauren Sakki, BBA '15, has been promoted to assistant director of alumni engagement for the University of Hawaii Foundation. In her elevated role, Sakki is responsible for the development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of alumni engagement initiatives. She joined the UH Foundation in 2017 and prior to joining the central alumni team, Sakki was a part of the Shidler College Alumni and Development team.

Joshua Shon, BBA '14, has been promoted to senior account executive at IQ 360. In his expanded role, he is responsible for providing strategic consultation to clients, as well as developing and executing marketing and communications campaigns for organizations across a variety of industries.

Alyssa Tanabe, BBA '15, has a new role as development coordinator for the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University of Hawaii Foundation. In her new position, Tanabe provides critical support to the team including grant development, management and operational services. Tanabe has been with the UH Foundation for nine years, most recently as the associate director of donor relations for Shidler College.

2020s

Guhn Kim, MBA '20, has a new role as financial analyst for the U.S. Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific based in Pearl Harbor. In this position, Kim and his team provide financial assistance to various commands by analyzing their funding needs and allocating resources to properly train and equip them. Kim previously served as a division officer and hospital corpsman in the Navy.

Isla Romero, BBA '20, has joined the University of Hawaii’s Foundation as an administrative assistant for the Central Fundraising department.

Philipp Steinmueller, MBA '20, has a new role as internal auditor at HelloFresh’s global headquarters in Berlin, Germany. His duties include reviewing internal controls, giving suggestions for improvements, monitoring the organization’s growth and identifying risks it may face in the future. One of his favorite parts of his job is experiencing the company’s growth as customers shift to sourcing their food in more convenient and sustainable ways.

2021 Pineapple Awards

The fifth annual Pineapple Awards recognize the contributions individuals have made to Hawaii’s tourism industry. Pacific Business News announced the 2021 honorees in April. Congratulations to these Shidler College alumni who made this year’s list.

Caroline Anderson, BS ‘94; Prince Resorts Hawaii CEO
Kisan Jo, EMBA ’19; and Kaanapali Beach Hotel General Manager Mike White, BBA ’72.

Ruth Reiner, MBA ’02, debuted her self-published novel in December 2020. The book is titled “The Singing Widow of a Buddhist Priest”, and is available for purchase on Amazon. Reiner describes the book as a rich, spicy and fun story that is centered around the “journey of American woman determined to make it in Japan.”

Reiner spent time in Kyoto in her mid-twenties and also drew upon her experiences as a student in the Shidler College’s Japan-focused MBA program at UH Mānoa. She went on to spend a decade leading business negotiations between Japanese and non-Japanese companies and then co-founded three startups.

“I decided to intricately weave my experiences into a highly relevant novel that would share about the challenges of a woman’s journey in a male-dominated business world,” she said.

MBA alumni authors debut novel

Ruth Reiner, MBA ’02,
In Memoriam

pillows, wigs and books. and the program has received more than 100 donations, including wedge designing graphic assets. Her efforts helped BCH secure a grant from the presentation to the board, creating a marketing and publicity plan and scratch, including performing market research, providing an executive wish. She spent eight months building BCH’s CARE Closet program from use while making a real difference in the local community,” Hayashi said.

wanted to offer an opportunity for students to put their business studies to projects and assignments based on their strengths and skill sets. “I

interns. BCH offers hands-on internships for students and matches them small startup is fueled by passionate employees and Shidler College

of backgrounds.”


In Memoriam

Carolyn L. Ching, BBA ’72, peacefully passed away on Feb. 2, 2021, at the age of 71. She was a former partner at Hee & Ching CPA LLC. Prior to that, Ching was a tax manager for Arthur Young & Co. (now EY). In 2018, she donated a $1 million endowed scholarship for accounting students. Ching later made a generous capital gift to renovate the college’s A-tower auditorium which was appropriately named after her.

Mark Tl Mun Chun, EMBA ’79, passed away on April 25, 2020, at the age of 89. He was president of M&E Pacific, Inc., an engineering and environmental services company. Prior to that, Chun worked for the Hawaii State Department of Transportation. He was a frequent guest at college events and a member of the Shidler Alumni Association.

Miss Hawaii 2021

Courtney Choy, BBA ’18, was crowned Miss Hawaii at the 74th annual Miss Hawaii 2021 Competition at the Ala Moana Hotel in May. Choy entered the competition as Miss Chinatown Hawaii and also received her Juris Doctor from UH Mānoa’s William S. Richardson School of Law the same weekend.

“Shidler taught me what it means to be a team player and to exude confidence in a diverse array of situations such as presenting in class or interviewing with employers,” Choy said. “I used the professional skills learned at Shidler in law school when I presented oral arguments for classes, participated in interviews and worked with individuals from multifaceted backgrounds.”

ABC Stores Alumni

Founded by Sidney and Minnie Kosasa, ABC Stores has progressed from a “mom and pop store” to one of the most recognizable brands in the Hawai’i tourism industry. The founders of ABC Stores, through their vision, paved the road for this success with a belief in two fundamental tenets: convenience and service. The Kosasas opened the first ABC Discount Store in 1965 in Waikiki. Today, there are ABC Stores on every major island in the state of Hawai’i and the ABC concept has been exported to Guam, Saipan and Las Vegas and has grown to include Island Gourmet Markets, Island Country Markets, Honolua Store, Sueoka Market and two full-service restaurants, Basalt (Waikiki) and Lineage (Wailea, Maui). Paul Kosasa is the president and CEO, with more than 75 stores employing over 1,900 employees.

ABC Stores

The Store With Aloha

Gourmet Markets, Island Country Markets, Honolua Store, Sueoka Market and two full-service restaurants, Basalt (Waikiki) and Lineage (Wailea, Maui). Paul Kosasa is the president and CEO, with more than 75 stores employing over 1,900 employees.

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