



Scholarships Available in February 2021

HEA Scholarships

- High School Seniors entering college.
- Continuing college students pursuing a career in education.
- Active educators who wish to continue their education while in service or pursuing Professional Development opportunities.
- HEA Student Teacher Scholarships (sponsored by Helen MacKay).
- Hiroshi & Barbara Kim Yamashita HEA Scholarship for undergraduates majoring in education.

HEA/HSTA-R Scholarship

- HSTA member
- Active educator with baccalaureate degree pursuing education related Program of Study.

To obtain application forms, please visit our website at www.hawaiieducationassociation.org during February 2021 or call our office at 949-6657.



Congratulations

HEA would like to congratulate our 22 members who have achieved the age of 100 years or more. We would like to express our gratitude to you for your many years of friendship and support.

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It's that time of the year!

Annual Contribution Fundraising Campaign Drive

HEA needs your help to reach our goal of \$28,000. Your contributions are invaluable and help to grow and strengthen the Association's work as a 501(c)(3), helping to improve the educational future of Hawaii. Some of the current HEA programs that your donation will help are:

- Scholarships
- TAAC (Teaching As A Career)
- Endowed Scholarship

No gift is too small. Please note that all contributions to HEA are fully tax deductible.

VISION

To affirm the professionalism of Hawaii's educators.

MISSION

To strengthen excellence in education:

- Advocate teaching as a profession.
- Support pre-service and in-service educators.
- Advance professional learning for effective teaching.



June Motokawa
President

President's Message

I am hoping that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. This Covid environment has made life challenging as we rethink how to connect with each other. There are signs though that reflect new ways to see and hear from each other in the adult world. However, the world of teaching and learning remain a huge challenge. As educator and student needs vary and planning for successful engagement of students being necessary, the Department of Education and schools' responsibilities are intensified.

The HEA Board of Directors and staff recognize and thank each educator and staff for their commitment to the children of Hawaii.

On the HEA front, HEA staff continues its operations from their homes, the Board members have put on hold the Teaching As A Career Annual Symposium, grants to High School Education Pathway classes and Future Teacher Clubs, and its Professional Development program. The Scholarship committee successfully completed its awarding of scholarships to 12 recipients.

The good news is that the Hawaii Education Association will be 100 years old next October, one year from now. Although it is a time of unknowns, Executive Director Laurie Togami and I have met with Mr. Alan Tang, CEO and Strategist for Olomana Loomis, an ad agency (via Zoom) to begin discussions on the centennial celebrations. More to come. I am excited about this!

Please do continue to care for yourself and find the peace within.

The Computer is My Friend!

I am going to talk about computers again because during this time they may be our best friends. For some of us, the hardest part of staying at home to protect our health and the health of the ones we love is the separation from family and friends. In my personal life, in September and October, I lost two very good friends and my niece to cancer. I could not fly to visit the families or attend the funeral services. I was hurt and angry at Covid-19. But to make it a little less painful, I had my computer, so I was able to stay in touch with my family.

Not all of it has been unhappy; thanks to the computer and my iPhone, I am able to see and talk to other family members and friends. It is helpful because I like to see the people I am talking to, and there are great computer programs that can make that happen.

I am sure that some of our members are in the same boat, staying at home, avoiding restaurants, having your groceries and prescriptions delivered. Gone are the casual lunch dates, movies, and window shopping. We know this is going to be our lives in some form, the experts say until summer and potentially to the end of 2021. So, the computer is our friend and our lifeline.

If you are still uncomfortable around a computer and you cannot go out to classes, here are some things that you can do:

1. If you have an upper elementary, middle school or high school student that you get to see, talk to them about helping you. When my mom took computer classes at KCC, the computer lab was at Kahala Elementary and the sixth graders acted as tutors and coaches for the senior citizens. School children can be a great resource.
2. If you can learn through reading, the Dummies books are a great resource. You can begin with "Computers for Seniors." There is "Macs for Seniors." Even if you are too young to be a senior, those books can be helpful for beginners. All the "Dummies" books are available on Amazon.
3. If you are comfortable with having someone in your home, you can contact Student Services at UH, Chaminade or BYU-Hawaii and advertise for a student to tutor you on using the computer.

If you are comfortable using a computer, there are some applications that you may find useful either on

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the computer or your Smartphone to visually communicate with your friends and family. FaceTime is the application for the IOS system or Apple. The Android system has several apps you can use such as Google Duo or Facebook Messenger.

If you want to connect with more than one person at a time, the most widely used application is Zoom. You can download a free application which gives you 40 minutes of free time. If you want more time, it can be purchased. Zoom is most used for meetings such as the HEA meetings. If you are going to talk with less than five friends or family members, House Party is the application for you.

In addition, your doctor probably can see you via visual consultations and there are counseling applications to help you to deal with any mental health problems you may face.

Hopefully, you will enjoy using your computer and it will bring you connections with family and friends. Stay safe and we will get through this together.

- By Joan Lee Husted

Mahalo!

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Farewell Jerome Comcowich



Hawaii Education Association is saddened by the tragic loss of a former HEA Board of Trustee member, Jerome M. Comcowich. Jerome passed away on September 3, 2020 after being struck by a car while jogging in Kailua.

He was 80 years old. Jerome's impact on those who knew and had the privilege of working with him will always be cherished. From 1976 to 1978 Jerome served on the Hawaii Education Association's Board of Trustees and a member of the HEA's Educational Programs and Personnel Committees. He was the founding member of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly and served as UHPA's first Executive Director. He retired from the University of Hawaii School of Ocean and Earth Sciences at the University of Hawaii. Jerome led a full life working and consulting on matters related to public policy and federal legislation in Hawaii and Washington D.C. He was also an active volunteer in the community.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Comcowich family.



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- ◆ To stay connected
- ◆ Get important updates
- ◆ Scholarship opportunities (Available February 2021)

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