





# Mission Statement:



*Assets School serves gifted and capable students, specializing in those with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. We provide a strength-based program, complemented by outreach and training, that empowers students to become effective learners and confident self-advocates.*



don't  
Great minds think alike.  
or learn



Dear Friends,

Sixty-three years ago, and still today, Assets recognizes the need for bright children who “don’t fit in.” Assets embraces their differences by offering a holistic, strength-based learning environment focused on the individual child.

Today, some schools are trying to catch up. But we’ve been doing it all along — providing student-centric, place-and project-based learning building on the student’s individual strengths. And we’re still moving ahead, doing more and doing it better, finding new, innovative ways to engage students and create life-long learners.

We believe that Assets is what school should be —

- a place where every child learns differently and those differences are celebrated,
- a place where personalized learning is a reality, not a slogan, where strength-based curriculum brings out a child’s natural curiosity and interest in learning,
- a place where students with great minds who think differently find joy, belonging, and develop their talents to benefit society in previously unimagined ways, and
- a place where students are accepted and affirmed, both as learners and individuals, where the whole student matters — academic, social, and emotional development are valued equally.

Assets is the only school of its kind in the Pacific, and one of just a handful around the world.

As an Assets supporter, you are a vital part of our community. You understand that Assets is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Through your generosity, Assets provides premier educational services to gifted and dyslexic students on its two campuses and through training and outreach to educators and students across the state.

Thank you for your continued support of our great minds.

Sincerely,

Paul Singer  
Head of School

John F. Morton  
Chairman of the Board



## Kupuna Day

Kupuna Day is a cherished annual tradition at Assets with attendance rising each year. This past school year, our K-6 students and teachers welcomed over 170 grandparents, aunties, uncles, and other special friends!

Highlights of the day included eating breakfast and enjoying arts and craft activities together. Our students spent weeks rehearsing a performance and were excited to share it with their special guests. Students and kupuna also visited classrooms for fun-filled activities.

It's amazing how far some kupuna travelled to be with us. One year a grandfather came all the way from South Africa! We meet family from all over the world and all corners of Oahu. Travelling thousands of miles or fighting morning traffic to spend a few hours at school is a degree of support and love that defines 'ohana and enriches our community. Kupuna Day illustrates that time is the greatest gift that children and kupuna can give to each other.



## Kipona Makamae Scholarship Program

"Getting into Assets School couldn't have come at a better time for Celestiale. She was going through a lot in her personal life when she was accepted to attend the school. Over the years, the staff and fellow students have continuously gone beyond expectations to always reassure her of how important she is. Celestiale wakes up at 4 a.m. every morning, anxious to get to school, and has so much to share when school is done for the day. We're both so grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Assets' 'ohana." - Kyra-Ann Pihana, mother of 2nd Grader Celestiale.

Three years ago, Celestiale became part of the first cohort of Kindergarteners to attend Assets through a partnership with Kamehameha Schools Kipona Makamae Scholarship Program. These students are the beneficiaries of the combined generosity of Kamehameha Schools and Assets, which allowed qualified students to attend.

We are proud of the innovative partnership with Kamehameha Schools that provides critical support to our youngest of great minds, allowing them to grow and thrive.



# high school

## mentorship

For nearly fifteen years, Diamond Head Theatre has graciously partnered with Assets as one of the 76 businesses to participate in our mentorship program.

The mentorship program is designed to give students real-world work experience and help them make critical connections between school-based academics and hands-on experience to challenge and develop their strengths, talents, and interests.

We are grateful to DHT Technical Director, Willie Sabel, who became a mentor several years ago. As Willie said, "We're a community theatre, and I thought this would be great community outreach." Though the goal of being a mentor site is to provide job skills and knowledge to the students, Willie believes that DHT gains a lot from the partnership as well. Willie continued, "Being able to mentor and watch someone learn skills and then take them forward, that's awesome!"

The students working with Willie help build sets for shows. They are trained and supervised by the staff to create the countless set pieces that audiences see on stage. Ty Heen, 2018 Assets graduate, was placed at DHT last year and says that Willie and his staff are a big part of the reason he enjoyed his time there. "They treated me like I was fully part of the team. They expected me to do a good job, and it really felt like I was working at a real job," he said.

Willie has been a long-time, dedicated mentor who is tremendously supportive of our students. He mentors with heart and the ability to connect with and nurture individuals. For years, students have been singing his praises. We appreciate his commitment and dedication to our great minds.

### Mentorship Sites

Thank you to our generous mentorship sites for welcoming our great minds - and our deepest gratitude to our mentors, who make our program possible.

Ameriprise Financial  
Assets Art  
Assets Artists-in-Residence  
Assets Community Advocate  
Assets Costume Design  
Assets Fashion Design  
Assets Game Design  
Assets Guardians of the Environment  
Assets K-8 Program  
Assets Landscaping  
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Assets Resident Music Producer  
Assets Resident Photographer  
Assets Robotics  
Assets Sports - Assets 17  
Assets Technical Theater  
Aviation Academy Hawaii  
B's Performance  
Bailey's Antiques & Aloha Shirts  
Burgers and Things

Cafe Laufer  
Choco Ie'a  
CrossFit K-Block  
Democratic Party of Hawaii  
Diamond Head Theatre  
Enchanted Lake Pet Center  
EnviroQuest Inc.  
Eric Arakawa Surfboard Designs  
Foodland Farms Ala Moana  
Global Village  
Great Harvest Bread Co., Kahala

Greywolf Blacksmithing  
H-Power Computing  
Hans Hedemann Surf School  
Hawaii Baptist Academy  
Hawaii Iron Workers Union  
Hawaii Space Flight Laboratory  
Hawaii Nature Center  
Hawaii Yacht Club  
Hawaiian Humane Society  
Holy Nativity School  
Honolulu Fire Department

Honolulu Museum of Art  
Honolulu Zoo Society  
Ho'oula 'Aina  
Hui Ku Maoli Ola  
Hyatt Regency Waikiki  
Ikaika Waterman Sports  
Kalihi-Palama Public Library  
Keiki O Ka 'Aina  
Kualoa Ranch  
Live Well at Iwilei (Kahala Nui)  
Living Art Marine Center  
Local Boy Sushi  
Lulu's Leis + Bouquets

Lyon Arboretum  
Ma'ema'e Elementary School  
Mama Nita Scones  
McCully Bike Warehouse  
Mercedes-Benz of Honolulu  
Mililani Mauka Veterinary Clinic  
Monica Lau Photography  
My Gym Kailua  
Nimitz Elementary School  
Our Lady of Good Counsel School  
Pacific Ceiling Fans  
Porsche of Hawaii  
Queen's Medical Center

Rainbow Drive-In  
Red Pineapple  
Revision Audio  
Rocky Road  
Ruby Tuesday Mililani  
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SHYNE Photography  
SOEST Laboratory for Analytical Biogeochemistry  
Star Physical Therapy

Sunshine School  
Tenn's Auto Center  
Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii  
UI Production  
UberGeeks Kaneohe  
USS Battleship Missouri Memorial Variety School  
VCA Animal Hospital Kaneohe  
Waialae Elementary School  
Waikiki Yacht Club  
Watanabe Floral  
Zumiez Ala Moana

## Tuition Assistance Recipient ~ Albert Yee

"ASSETS DOES NOT RESTRICT ME TO A CONVENTIONAL CURRICULUM THAT WOULD LIMIT WHAT I CAN LEARN IN SCHOOL. INSTEAD,

the teachers and administrators encourage me to advocate for myself and take the initiative in deciding what courses and activities will help me reach my full potential. The knowledge and skills that I am acquiring from Assets provide me with the resources to be able to give back to my community in meaningful ways, such as mentoring and tutoring other students who need additional help with school or technology. This is extremely important to me because I feel truly blessed to be able to continue my high school education at Assets, even though my family has been experiencing unexpected financial hardship.

"Being at Assets has allowed me to maximize my potential as a 'gifted student' while also receiving crucial academic support in the areas that previously held me down."  
- Albert Yee, 10th Grader

Like many of our students, Albert lives a very full and active life. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, he goes to coding classes at Purple Mai'a Foundation at Kamehameha School's Halau Inana. On Wednesdays, Fridays, and

Saturdays he participates in Junior ROTC at Punahou. Friday nights, he goes to St. Louis School for Civil Air Patrol. This past summer, Albert received a scholarship to attend the Nalukai Academy, a 10-day intensive entrepreneurial camp at Hawaii Preparatory Academy on the Big Island. Out of 160 Hawaii statewide applicants, only 20 were selected. Albert proudly represented Assets.

Your generosity makes it possible for this great mind to continue to flourish and do great things.



# volunteer spotlight



## Rachael Cook

For the last five years, Rachael Cook, a single mother, has been driving her son Kawika to Assets every morning from Ka'a'awa. On a good day, easily a 90-minute ride each way, she said, "I'd move as many mountains as possible to get him there."

She takes a week vacation every year to run our Scholastic Book Fair. You'll see her visiting classrooms around the K-8 campus wearing the Clifford The Big Red Dog costume to rally support and excitement for the book fair. Rachael is on her fifth year of serving on the Assets Parents 'Ohana Board and was president in 2014-2015. She does this because she is completely devoted to her son and passionate about the Assets education he receives.

"I remember dropping him off his first day and feeling that this was a good fit. Upon picking him up from school, seeing the smile on my son's face brought me tears of joy because I'd never seen him so happy. He said, 'Mom, can I stay at this school forever because they listen and understand me.'

"Kawika will be entering the 7th grade this year, and though it has been challenging at times, the overall experience is pure joy.

"The outpouring of support by the teachers and staff toward Kawika has made me an advocate of Assets School. Volunteering has helped me share what Assets has to offer to families.

"Without the assistance from Assets, my son and our family would be like many families who struggle to send their children to private institutions. But unlike families who just want to send their children to a private school, sending Kawika to Assets is a necessity.

"I want to say **Mahalo Nui Loa** to everyone supporting Assets School's Tuition Assistance Program for helping Kawika attend a school where **Great minds don't think or learn alike.**"

- Rachael Cook

# alum spotlight



Like many of our young students, Ryan and Jason Hara fell in love with the play structure before they came to appreciate their Assets education.

"When I saw it, I wanted to come to this school," said Jason, "Ryan was already here and enjoying the school. Seeing this incredible play structure made me want to be here even more."

Ryan attended Assets from first through eighth grade, graduating from Mid-Pacific Institute in 2014. In May of this year, he earned his B.A. in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience from Colby College.

A Karen K. Scheid College Scholarship Award recipient, Jason Hara attended Assets from kindergarten through his graduation in 2016. He is currently attending Wheaton College, focusing his studies in Film and New Media with a minor in Sociology. Jason is the chief photographer of the school paper and will be studying abroad in Copenhagen next semester.

Their parents, Drs. Kevin and Norma Hara, have been strong supporters as well as tireless advocates and volunteers. Norma was president of the Assets Parents 'Ohana from 2005-2009 and has been a leader in forming our alumni group, Assets Alumni & Friends.

At the start of the school year, the Hara Family made a \$5,000 gift to support Assets Alumni & Friends. The funds will be used to help track the success of our graduates through the National Student Tracker.

"I want to see how my Assets classmates are doing. My family and I are involved in the alumni group, and we want to help Assets alumni receive the support they need as they move on to higher education and the workforce," said Jason.

## Hara Family





# capital campaign

Assets has dedicated itself to making a permanent, life-changing education possible for students with dyslexia and other learning differences. In 2018, a new era began with the campus' first permanent structures in its history. Featuring 21st century facilities to match the curriculum, our new Harry & Jeannette Weinberg K-4 Village will inspire young minds in a colorful, creative learning environment highlighted with gardening, hands-on projects and much more. And it's just the beginning... Assets School's ambitious Capital Campaign continues in support of the next phases of development that include a state-of-the-art library, an outreach center and a visual and performing arts complex on the lower school campus. Renovations to the historic Alewa Heights high school campus are also on the horizon. Mahalo again to those who made it possible to reach this unprecedented moment in Assets School history. We invite you to continue with us on this journey to develop student talents and gifts in previously unimagined ways - the possibilities are endless.



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capital gifts

reflects gifts made between  
 July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018





board of trustee spotlight



Karen K. Scheid

Karen K. Scheid has been a Board of Trustee member since 1990. Her sons Evan Stubbart and Winston Stubbart both attended Assets in the 80's. As a passionate advocate, Karen has helped countless students and their families find the resources they need to receive the right education and continue to thrive. She has personally pledged \$100,000 to the Capital Campaign for the new K-8 library.

Karen and her family, through the Donald C. Brace Foundation, continue to give generously with their annual funding of a college scholarship program benefiting a graduating senior. In addition, they pledged \$1 million to build the new K-8 library and recently donated \$100,000 to our Faculty & Staff Retention Endowment Fund. This newly created fund will help retain talented teachers by providing competitive salaries, increased professional development opportunities and benefit options.

"I think it's important for Assets to retain skilled educators in order to provide the best possible individualized education to students who need it most," said Karen.



Illumination Gala



Assets' annual fundraising gala celebrated our great minds who learn differently on March 2, 2018 at The Royal Hawaiian, raising over \$265,000 to support the tuition assistance program!

The evening included senior AJ Ulufale speaking about his Assets journey, a video showcasing the Silva Family using multi-generational support to fund the educations of Jupiter and Orion, and a heartfelt speech by our honoree and Board of Trustee member, Tony Vericella.

This event would not have been successful without the help of the entire Assets 'ohana. Mahalo nui loa!



2018



Gold \$10,000

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Anonymous

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Silver \$5,000

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Created in 2003, The Honu Society recognizes and encourages philanthropic sponsorship of Assets School. This year, the Society benefitted from the dedicated support of 96 members, whose continued generosity empowers Assets' work and mission for our students and the community.

The Hawaiian honu symbolizes the educational challenges facing our students. When the honu eggs hatch on land, they are incredibly vulnerable. Yet, upon reaching the ocean, they are renowned for their ability to swim with strength, speed and elegance. Similar to the honu's experience, our students arrive at Assets from a vulnerable place, and with support and encouragement, become self-advocates who flourish in their education and accomplish great success in life.

**Membership is open to all. Every donor's commitment makes a difference in a student's life. If you would like to join, please send your check in the envelope included with this annual report or make your payment online at [assets-school.net/donate](https://assets-school.net/donate).**

# annual giving

## Faculty & Staff Retention Endowment (\$100,000)

Donald C. Brace Foundation

### Mamani (\$20,000 - and above)

Catt Family Foundation  
Anonymous  
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### 'Iliahi (\$10,000 - \$19,999)

Arthur & Louise Hanser Charitable Trust Fund  
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## The Honu's Society giving levels are:

MAMANI	\$20,000
'ILIAHI	\$10,000
KOA	\$5,000
MAILE	\$2,500
'OHIA	\$1,000



## 'Ohia (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

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In Memory of  
Carey Won

It seems like just a short time ago that our varsity basketball team was enjoying an undefeated season with Coach Carey brilliantly managing to keep teenage egos in check while teaching our athletes how to be good winners. Surprisingly, it's more difficult to teach young people how to win gracefully than how to lose gracefully. Carey's natural respect and strong rapport with his team allowed him to serve as the best role model and confidant to our students.

We lost our beloved Coach earlier this fall to cancer. This was his final message to our 'ohana.

August 28, 2018

To my Assets Ohana,

The last time that I was on campus was August 22, 2017. As I left campus on that day I had every intention of returning as soon as I recovered from my illness. I had hoped the love and joy I received from daily interactions with faculty, staff and especially our students would be able to continue. Sadly it does not appear that I will have the opportunity to do so.

As I spend my final days in California surrounded by family and friends, I cannot help but think about how I enjoyed my days at Assets. From chaperoning school dances, coaching volleyball and basketball, I got to do what I loved, thanks to the support I received from you and the families. It has been a privilege to be part of a team who shares my passion of bringing out the best in our students. I hope that all of you will continue to be open to new ideas and explore new ways to keep our students and families engaged. We truly have something at this school and I will miss it.

No one likes to say "goodbye" and fortunately in Hawaii we have the saying "aloha a hui hou" - goodbye until we meet again which I feel is more appropriate. While I will no longer be with you physically, I hope that every time you hear laughter from the students or a cheer from the stands when they play in a game, you think of me as I will be there with you sharing in your joy.

Mahalo for the love and support.

Carey

Carey "Coach" Won  
#greatminds #AssetsAdmirals







## Assets Teacher Training and Outreach Program (ATTOP)



**115  
TEACHERS**  
[yearly]



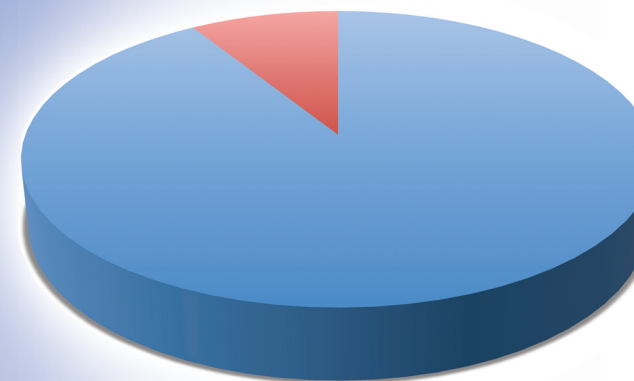
**x 15 STUDENTS**  
[each]



**= 1,725  
STUDENTS**  
[at least!]

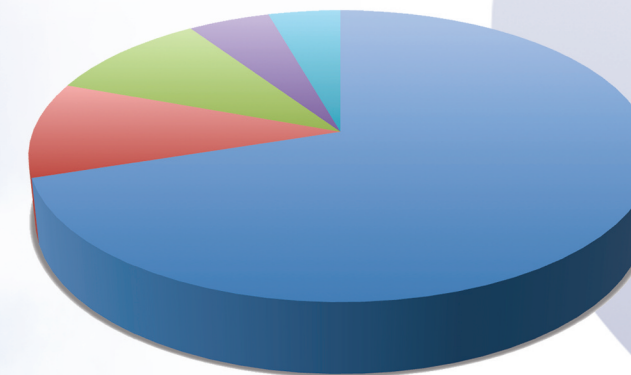
**Assets Teacher Training and Outreach Program (ATTOP)** Assets Teacher Training and Outreach Program (ATTOP) supports child literacy development in school, at home, and in the community. Through ATTOP, Assets offers an array of teacher trainings geared toward the needs of those with learning differences. It also fosters relationships with organizations such as Kamehameha Schools' Community Learning Center at Maili, Hawaii Branch of International Dyslexia Association (HIDA), Hawaii Learning Resource, Slingerland Institute, and Hawaii Department of Education Schools, as well as public charter schools.

This year, ATTOP served approximately 115 educators and 75 parents. Considering that each teacher potentially touches 15 students, you have at least 1,725 students impacted. These numbers are comprised almost exclusively of high-risk populations throughout the islands.



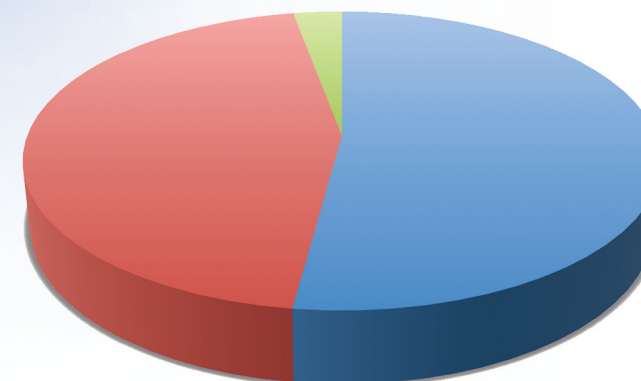
**Operating Revenue 100%**  
**= \$8,807,045**

- Tuition: 90.9%
- Contributions: 9.1%



**Operating Expenses 100%**  
**= \$7,816,950**

- Salaries: 70.0%
- Tuition Aid: 10.6%
- Facilities: 10.0%
- Curriculum: 5.0%
- Operations: 4.4%



**Tuition Income by Program 100%**  
**= \$8,235,638**

- K-8: 52.1% \$4,289,518
- H.S.: 45.0% \$3,710,466
- Auxiliary Programs: 2.9% \$235,653

Assets School finished the year in sound financial condition. The school continues to rely almost completely on tuition income to meet its obligations. Contributions and other sources account for approximately 9.1% of our operating revenue. Approximately \$829,650 in tuition assistance was provided to families in need.

**120 students, 35% of our total student body, are able to attend Assets through our tuition assistance program thanks to your support and generosity.**



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