



Friends of Old Maui High School

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Friends Secure Federal Funding for the restoration of Old Maui High School

From Neglect To Respect

Campus clean-up makes a difference

Under the leadership of Jan Dapitan, Community Work Day Program continues its mission to clean up and revitalize the buildings and campus at Old Maui High School. During the past year, with help from scores of alumni and community volunteers, tons of debris have been removed – one piece at a time – from inside the concrete walls of the historic Charles W. Dickey building.

The landscape has been mowed regularly and cleared of invasive shrubs and trees. The old cafeteria building is scrubbed clean and now ready to house meeting and office space for the Friends and for alumni.

Mitigating all the ravages of neglect, vandalism and arson hasn't been easy, but those who visit the Hamakuapoko school and its lovely campus are amazed and delighted with the transformation over the past year. Come out and see the changes for yourself, soon.

Thanks to a generous grant of federal funds that was secured for the Friends by our senior Hawai'i Senator Daniel K. Inouye, plans for the preservation and restoration of the historic Charles W. Dickey building at Old Maui High School will continue to move forward.

With the financial aid of the \$250,000 grant, the professional services necessary to ensure the most appropriate cleanup and structural analysis of the 1921 Mediterranean-style administration building are assured.

The Friends are extremely grateful to Senator Inouye for his recognition, not only of the historic importance of the school but also of the Friend's goals to restore and re-use the landmark building as the Patsy T. Mink Center.

As Maui's first co-educational high school, Maui High enabled the children of plantation workers to continue their education beyond eighth grade. Many later became influential citizens who helped shape the history of our county, our state and our nation. It is a long-neglected site that deserves to be recognized, restored and used by the community once again.

This federal grant will enable the Friends to hire specialists in structural rehabilitation, preservation

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Conceptual drawing by architect Hans Riecke replicates C. W. Dickey's original design for roof and cupola, placed atop a current photograph of the historic 1921 Old Maui High School administration building. This composite image portrays the appearance of the building when reconstruction is complete.