



SILVERSWORD

Friends of Old Maui High School

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HELLO AGAIN... Much has changed since our last SILVERSWORD in 2014 here on Maui and around the world.



The Spirit Lives On. Dramatic shadows cast by the 1913 Administration Building-A monument to Maui High's Legacy.



Friends' Director and Archivist Holly Buland sorting materials in Friends' new collection room.



1966 MHS grads cleaning trophies for Kahului MHS's new display cases, L-R: Janice Tajiri-Cretton, Helen Tabaco, Myra and Bobby Carvalho, Marilyn Makii Morikawa.

Fortunately, not much has changed at the venerable Hāmaukuāpoko campus of Old Maui High School. The buildings a bit worse for wear, and the landscape still manicured around the historic classrooms, cafeteria, woodshop. The classic walls of the Administration Building still stand in the trade winds and Haiku rain showers. The beauty and the memories are still here, waiting for their next purpose to unfold.

Friends is still here, too. We have re-organized our Board of Directors, re-thought our commitment to the Saber legacy, and re-committed to our original mission: the rehabilitation, restoration and reuse of this historic, significant and beautiful school and its enduring spirit and legacy.

Though our expectations for appropriate reuse of the school were set back, working with a new County Administration and with other community and environmental groups whose goals are compatible, Friends is moving ahead with new programs and outreach to Saber alumni and to community, so that when the time comes, the historic campus and buildings will again be alive with learning, enthusiasm and achievement.

Our campus office, now located in the former Business Classroom D, is comfortable and efficient, with updated technology and qualified staff and volunteers. The Old MHS Archive Collection, under the care of Friends' board member Holly Buland, now enjoys a safe and (practically) bug free environment, and will soon be accessible on site and online.

While the Friends' office is open only by appointment now, we will respond to your phone call, or email us at friends@oldmauihigh.org and, once normal times return, we'll have regular hours for visitors. Currently, no groups are permitted on campus and no special events may be held, but we hope to have policies in place soon for campus use. Meanwhile, we are developing Friends' on-line capabilities and will keep you informed about access to our website www.oldmauihigh.org and how you can participate with your alumni and class activities.

One very meaningful Friends' project began several years ago with a meeting at Maui High (continued on page 4)

Friends' Website Boasts A New Look

www.oldmauihigh.org has a fresh new feel along with updated content! View historic photos, make a donation, sign up for our e-newsletter and link to our Facebook page. Let us know what you think!



PROMOTING SABER LEGACY “BUILDS PRIDE AND ACHIEVEMENT”

By MHS Principal Jamie Yap

AT MAUI HIGH SCHOOL it is important to us to instill in our students, faculty and our entire Saber ‘Ohana a genuine respect and appreciation for our school’s rich history. Through connecting with our past and understanding its legacy, we develop a deeper sense of pride, giving students and faculty a strong sense of tradition as well as ownership in their learning experiences. This in turn yields a better, more collaborative effort by all, to produce a meaningful, successful Maui High experience.

Over the years, in partnership with the Maui High School Foundation, we’ve taken steps to purposefully promote Saber Legacy on our campus. Whether through perpetuating our annual Hall of Honor, engaging students and staff to learn and sing our Alma Mater, or proudly displaying our “Spirit Lives On” mural in the gym, little by little we encourage our Saber community to embrace Maui High’s history and heritage.

One of our most recent projects has been the addition of two new memorabilia cabinets that are currently housed in our library. Funding for these was generously donated by 1967 alumnus, Lloyd Inouye. The wood and glass cabinets were custom-designed and built by Lloyd’s son-in-law, master craftsman Jacob Adams of Adams Furniture Designs. Our Librarian, Sharyl Seino, filled the cabinet displays with Saber artifacts loaned to Maui High by Friends of Old Maui High School, from their archive collection. Now, students and faculty can see and appreciate their school’s past accomplishments, feel the heritage come alive, and become part of a greater, more significant legacy.

Another recent development is the formal naming of our cafeteria building to



SILVERSWORD DINING HALL, and the naming of our library building to HĀMAKUAPOKO LEARNING CENTER. New signs have been mounted on the buildings for a further connection to our past. We had hoped to host a special event to bring the Saber community together to celebrate the event, but in the interest of everyone’s safety, we decided not to organize a gathering during the ongoing global pandemic.

Maui High will continue to impress upon our students and the Saber community the value and importance of celebrating our story. It defines us today and propels us to new achievements in the future. I want to express my thanks to the alumni, retired faculty and other individuals, businesses and organizations who continue to support Maui High and our students. Mahalo to Friends of Old Maui High for supporting our efforts and sharing their memorabilia, and for their ongoing work to ensure that “The Spirit Lives On.”



What Old MHS Building is this? Guess correctly and win a prize!

Use form on page 3 to enter. No donation necessary. Win a beautiful Old Maui High Centennial tote bag!



DONATIONS OF \$100 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE AWARD-WINNING MHS HISTORY BOOK, "THE SPIRIT LIVES ON!"

Name: _____ Class of: 19 _____
(Please print) First (Maiden) Last

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Donation in memory of _____ Class of 19 _____

My answer to the quiz on Page 2 is _____
The first 20 to guess correct answer win an OMH Centennial tote bag!

Please make checks payable to Friends of Old Maui High School. Mail your donation and the answer to the quiz on page 2 to: PO Box 792165, Paia, HI 96779. Donate online at oldmauihigh.org!

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CAMPUS TREES DEEMED "EXCEPTIONAL"

In 2018 The Maui County Council voted in favor of a bill adding fifty-three trees at the Old MHS campus to the official list of Exceptional Trees of Maui County; a move that will preserve and protect their "outstanding environmental and aesthetic qualities."

The list of 53 trees was researched and nominated by Maui Green and Beautiful because of their age, size, beauty, and for their association with the school's history and notable graduates, such as U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink (class of '44), and many others. Maui Green and Beautiful's nomination stated, "The property has beautiful specimens of trees. The entire property should be valued and preserved."

Maui Green and Beautiful is composed of environmentalists, landscape professionals and arborists. They have volunteered at the campus for many years, with the support of Friends' founding Director, the late Jan Dapitan, in order to preserve the green heritage of trees and hedges, shrubs and vistas that sets the 107 year-old campus apart and enhances the memories of Saber Alumni.

The lengthy approval process began in 2016, when Maui Green and Beautiful submitted their nomination to the Maui County Arborist Committee, who reviewed it and passed it to Councilmember Don Guzman's committee for review and public hearings. With their approval, it went to the full Maui County Council, and in December 2018 became the law of the land.



Old Maui High Campus, 2008

The approved bill included the following trees:

- 18 Royal Palms
- 8 Monkey Pod Trees - outstanding in size and age
- 5 Hala stands, Thornless Pandanus - cultural value
- 11 Plumerias - unique blossom colors
- 11 Mangos - grove planted by students of Maui High School's Agriculture teacher Moriyuki Ueoka, MHS '32.

Maui High's Exceptional Trees join a distinguished list of public and private trees, which receive special awareness and care. Friends thanks Maui Green and Beautiful for their work to recognize and preserve the beautiful Old Maui High School trees and the green environment of Maui County (www.mauibeautiful.org).

