



Kapaia Foundation

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RYLEIGH HERNANDO receives KAPAIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



Kapaia Foundation Board of Directors presenting Ryleigh her scholarship award L-R: Nina Monasevitch, Kimo St. John, Rolly Hernando, Ryleigh Hernando, JoMarie Hernando, David Monasevitch

Lihu'e, HI July 9, 2021 Kapaia Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of Kauai High School senior graduate, Ryleigh Hernando, as recipient of its 2021 scholarship award. At Kauai High School, Ryleigh was an active member and leader of the Key Club, serving as president in her senior year of service to the community. Through her active participation in Key Club, Ryleigh participated in volunteering by assisting with Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing, Boys & Girls Club, King Kaumuali'i and Wilcox School's A+ Program, Annual Earth Day and Kaua'i Hospice's Concert in the Sky. In addition to Key Club, Ryleigh was a member of the Japanese Club, Hui Ho'okipa, Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, Kauai High School Band, National Honor Society and Filipino Club.

As her ancestors, who traveled many miles from the Philippines to Hawaii, Ryleigh will travel many miles from Hawaii to Japan to further her education at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. She hopes to interact with many cultures of the world, learning the fundamentals of business and return home with that knowledge to assist her community. Kapaia Foundation is proud of Ryleigh's accomplishments and hopes the \$1000 scholarship award will help her in her quest for success in life.

The Kapaia Foundation Scholarship was created to recognize the dreams of sugar plantation era immigrants for the success of their descendants. Ryleigh's great grandparents and grandparents immigrated to Hawaii from the Philippines, working for Lihue Plantation Company and Koloa Sugar Mill respectively. In addition, they worked many other jobs throughout their life on Kaua'i, including Grey Line Tours, Tip Top Restaurant, Smith's Tropical Paradise, Grove Farm Company, Kaua'i Pineapple Company, Koloa Elementary School and Kaua'i Stores. Ryleigh's family truly represents the backbone of our island's economic success.

Ryleigh Hernando's Scholarship Essay is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Koinobori Kaua'i 2021

It started in 2012 as a way to bring attention to save the Kapaia Swinging Bridge, which was falling apart and closed in 2006 with no plans for repair. Today, with community determination and perseverance, the Kapaia Swinging Bridge is rebuilt and enjoyed daily by locals and tourists. It is sought out as a unique historical structure nestled above a gently running stream in a lush valley. For 31 days in April and May, Kapaia Valley greets guests with hundreds of koi windsocks flying throughout the neighborhood. Kapaia Foundation promotes the local tradition brought to Hawaii by Japanese immigrants to celebrate the joy of our precious children. Like our forefathers, the koi fish, swimming courageously upstream, is strong and determined, demonstrating traits we desire for ourselves and our children.



Mahalo to Kaua'i Koinobori 2021 Koi Raisers!!!!!!!!!!

Front L-R: Titus Goo, Hali'a Foster, Uluwehi Foster,
Ezra Goo, Minami Wyckoff, Ippo Wyckoff,
Mami Wyckoff

Back L-R: Roy Goo, Kelly Foster, Olena Foster, Lia
Foster, Russell Nonaka, Kimo St. John



L-R: Mia Goo, Mami Wyckoff,
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Benefactor members Bob & Michelle Looser visiting from Longmont, CO



Ryleigh Hernando, Kauai High School Class of 2021



Mason & Tamra Moriguchi w/ Baby Niko



Steve Fujii w/ sponsor koi for his parents Tsutomu & Fusayo Fujii who lived in Kapaia from 1935-1969

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