

June News: Growing Great Minds at Assets School



High School Graduation



On May 19th, the class of 2019 graduated at the Pearl City Cultural Center. Our #greatminds received their high school diplomas and heard speeches from valedictorian, Philip Low, and salutatorian, Evan Young. Students who won special awards included:

- Barrett McCandless Award: Connor Hummel
- Lou Salza Honu Award: Ryan Higashionna
- The Radiant Star Award: Kristie Fujimoto
- Len Black Resiliency Award: Mahea Gardiner
- Karen K. Scheid College Scholarship: Marissa Nagano

Wishing you much success in your future endeavors, graduates!

Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony



On May 21st, we wished our rising freshmen a fond farewell as they head off to High School. During the ceremony, the following students were celebrated for achievements during their time here at the K-8 Campus:

- Barrett McCandless Award: Ella Moncrief
- Erik Tamashiro Award: Cole Barretto
- Presidential Awards: Jason Akana, Noah Cachola, Michael Hee, Keola Lonetti, and Kyle Tyau-Beam

Aloha a hui hou, students. Have a great summer!

New Lower School Principal - Caitlin Mates



Please join us in welcoming the new K-8 Principal, Caitlin Mates.

Caitlin joined Assets in August 2013 as a 3rd/4th grade teacher, eventually moving into the roles of kindergarten teacher and garden coordinator before working in the advancement office. She earned her B.A. in Creative Writing and Literature from Eckerd College and her M.Ed. in Elementary & Early Childhood Education from Antioch University.

About the K-8 Principal position, Caitlin said, "Assets is a place of ingenuity, integrity, and acceptance. I am excited to continue the exceptional qualities of the K-8 program and look forward to expanding deeper into the realms of experiential learning opportunities, social justice, and the overall joy and wonder of learning." Her goal as a lifelong educator and learner is to model positive character traits, to provide space for new learning opportunities, and to remain receptive to innovation and growth.

Having International, Mainland, and Hawaii teaching experience, Caitlin embodies the characteristics of Assets' vision to provide premier educational services and aspire to a community – in Hawaii and throughout the world – in which all children thrive and realize their potential.

Honoring Head of School Paul Singer



As Paul Singer moves into his role as Head of School Emeritus for a year before retiring in June 2020, we've created two opportunities to honor his legacy here at Assets School.

The [Paul M. Singer Faculty Endowment](#) ensures that Assets can attract and retain the caliber of teachers our students deserve, now and in the future. Throughout his career, Paul has fought to attract and retain top-notch educators and pay them a meaningful wage because they hold the keys to the next generation of explorers, doctors, artists, and scientists. This fund has already been established with a generous \$100,000 seed gift from Karen Scheid. Our goal is to increase the endowment to \$1 million, assuring that Assets can continue to attract top talent and pay them what they deserve.

The [Paul M. Singer Treehouse](#) on the K-8 campus will carry on the school's legacy of creative and imaginative play structures that compel children to explore, wonder, create and learn something new everyday. What better way to honor Paul's sense of humor, his creativity, and his lifelong commitment to childhood play and the magic of learning?

To honor Paul's legacy at Assets, we hope you'll join us in supporting the Faculty Endowment and/or the Treehouse in his honor. Donations can be made online at assets-school.org/make-a-gift.

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Key Upcoming Dates



June 3 - 7: Camp Invention
June 3 - 14: HS Summer Session 1
June 11: Kamehameha Day Holiday
June 12 - July 12: K-8 Summer School & Academies
June 12 - July 19: K-8 Ke Kula Pa`ani Summer Camp
June 17 - 28: HS Summer Session 2
