

Fall, 2019

Dear K–12 Parents and Guardians,

Punahou's Thurston Memorial Chapel and Luke Center for Public Service welcome you to the 2019–2020 school year! We want to take this opportunity at the beginning of a new school year to share our opening theme, and to acknowledge and celebrate our valued partnerships with all of you in the ongoing efforts of hearts and hands working together to make a better community and world.

### OPENING THEME

Each fall, a theme is chosen to guide the spirit of the new school year. This year, our theme is “Pōmaika'i nā mea a pau... and everything is blessed.” In a time of change and new beginnings, this theme invites us to pause, to notice that which remains constant, and welcome the awareness that everything is blessed. It beckons us to reflect on our own blessings and encourages our efforts to be a blessing to and for others.

### NEW COLLEAGUES

In addition to the blessing of welcoming new students, faculty, staff and administrators, including Punahou's 17th President, Dr. Michael Latham '86, the Luke Center for Public Service welcomes a new director, Daniela Goddard. Also new this year, and initially housed in the Luke Center for Public Service space, is the Case Accelerator for Student Entrepreneurship (CASE) led by director, Mark Loughridge. Both Dani and Mark bring a wealth of gifts and ideas to our partnerships and look forward to opportunities to meet you and your children in upcoming months.

### SERVICE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

During the school year, your children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of service-related activities on campus. Two all-school efforts are outlined below. Also, each month the Luke Center publishes information about service-related opportunities in the community.

### ALOHA UNITED WAY (AUW) FUND DRIVE, SEPTEMBER

Beginning September 3, students, faculty and staff will learn about many agencies that address community needs and will be invited to participate in this Drive by raising funds. Chapel presentations at all grade levels will introduce AUW, and student monetary donations will be accepted until September 28. As always, our emphasis is on students' compassionate participation, with less emphasis placed on the amount of each gift. We celebrate this annual all-school invitation to partner with community agencies in helping those in need.

### CARING FOR THE HUNGRY, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Punahou has long acknowledged the role everyone can play in fighting hunger and food insecurity. Chapels during the months of October and November will address this, and our campus community will be invited to think about and act on these issues. A campus-wide Food Drive, benefiting the Hawaii Foodbank, affords families an opportunity to participate with us in caring action. This Drive runs from October 21 to November 15.

### CHARACTER EDUCATION AND THE VALUES OF THE MONTH

In line with Punahou's Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning (SEEL) Initiatives, a list of Values of the Month for this school year follows:

kūpono (honesty), laulima (cooperation), ha'aha'a (humility), maluhia (peace), ahonui (patience), wiwo'ole (courage), makakū (creativity), mālama 'āina, aloha 'āina (environmental awareness) and kū'oko'a (freedom).

We hope that home conversations can deepen your own families' expression of these time-honored values.

*May the Blessings we receive be the Blessings we share! Happy “New” Year!*

Chaplains Joshua Hayashi, Lauren Buck Medeiros, and George Scott; Luke Center Director Dani Goddard; CASE Director Mark Loughridge

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