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Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year! We hope that your year is off to a great start.

### Homecoming Alumni Event

We kicked off the new year showing our school spirit at Homecoming 2020. Approximately 40 alumni supported our girls and boys varsity basketball teams on January 10. A big mahalo to the HBA Athletic Booster Club for providing complimentary chili and ice cream to all who attended. It was a great time of fellowship while taking a walk down memory lane.



Billie Takaki Lueder '94  
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### Alumni Spotlight

This month we remember the life of Aaron Kumura '89, written by Mia (Hasuike) Noguchi '89. Scroll down to read more.

**Save the Dates**

HBA presents the return of Alumni Week July 6 - 11, 2020. We have an exciting lineup of events throughout the week that will culminate with Hoolaulea on the 11th to celebrate all classes, especially our anniversary years ending in years 0 or 5. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks!

If you are planning a class reunion, let us help you get the word out by emailing [alumni@hba.net](mailto:alumni@hba.net).

We pray for the Lord's rich blessings upon you in the new year.

Aloha,

Billie Takaki Lueder '94  
Director of Institutional Advancement

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**Alumni Spotlight: Aaron Kumura '89**

By Mia (Hasuike) Noguchi '89

"Fiercely Loyal," "Heart of Gold," and "Genuinely Giving," are just some of the ways Aaron Kumura's '89 closest friends described him. But in actuality, anyone who met Kumura couldn't help but like him and become his friend. Joining Hawaii Baptist Academy in third grade, Kumura played basketball and volleyball, and forged many strong friendships with his teammates and classmates over the years. These became the bonds that supported him throughout his life. [Read more](#)

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**In Memoriam**

Aaron Kumura, 48, of the class of 1989, died December 24, 2019, in Honolulu. He was a sushi chef and manager of Aloha Cones. He is survived by his parents, Ronald and Clarice Kumura, and brother, Travis '86.

Grace (Matayoshi) Smith, 57, of the class of 1980, died January 16, 2020, in Kenmore, Washington. She had worked at FileNET Corporation as a software engineer. She is survived by her husband, Leland; daughter, Kristin; son, Justin; and mother, Yuri Matayoshi.

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