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To the Kaimuki High School Class of '69:

In 2014, as part of your 45th Class Reunion activities, you donated \$8,000 to the school.

At that time, our Culinary Program did not receive any funding for supplies. We used \$2,000.00 to purchase supplies to keep the program going. The following is from Angela Inouye, Culinary Arts Teacher:

“The donation helped to provide needed supply money for the students to continue their hands-on learning in acquiring real marketable skills for a career in the culinary profession....My former students who express their gratitude for the experiences they had at Kaimuki High School frequently visit me, and I want you to know that the Class of 1969 played an important role in helping develop the next generation of culinarians.”

We have continued our singing and performance activities. Last school year, we performed at Mai Tai's, HawaiiUSA FCU – Kahala's grand opening, Hard Rock Cafe Waikiki and at a very impressive presentation for Governor and First Lady Ige called “Springtime at Washington Place”.

We have been using the monies donated by your Class of '69 to purchase music recording equipment. We are now able to record guitar and piano accompaniment digitally for our students to learn various parts of harmony much quicker and it actually sounds better. With this new technology, we are able to isolate the vocals and instrumentals and eventually put it all together to create a much higher quality recording. Since then, select students have sung the Kaimuki Alma Mater to retiring teachers on their last day. Those moments have been very emotional and nice to see.

Because of the gains we have made, more of our students will actually take a chance to give music and the performing arts a try. I can see how it builds their confidence. Some of the students could have been characterized as "at risk". They now have a new passion that keeps them in school and out of trouble. I have noticed that it

makes a big difference for the few who would normally not participate in public performances.

With our school equipment and instruments, we are presently talking about "how big" we are able to go this year.

I still have some of the funds donated by the Class of 1969 in our account. I want to use it wisely for the "Kids". It is assured that the funds will go to programs specified in my original request for funding. At this time the funds are unmarked.

I'd also like to point out one additional area where the Class of '69 has helped us. I recently took four of our top engineering and science students, (2 seniors and 2 juniors) to your classmate Mr. Steven Loui's shipyard on October 7, 2016. It was an awesome experience for them.

Thanks to the Class of 1969 for its generosity!

**Kevin Yuen
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