



## The Honorees

Our 2018 honorees epitomize the spirit of Kina'ole as they continue to do the “right thing”, at the “right time”, for the “right reason” in the “right way.” Coming from very diverse backgrounds, each honoree has traveled unique journeys to achieve excellence, often in the face of adversity. But while their journeys have been so different, they all share and embody one essential thing, the spirit of Kina'ole. Their lifelong commitment to service is indicative of why they are so deserving of the Kina'ole Award. It is our privilege to recognize each of these recipients for perpetuating the spirit of Kina'ole in all that they do.



**Dr. Cristina Rathyen** attended Marietta College in Ohio and then graduation from the University of Hawaii. She continued to earn her Ph.D from UH Manoa in 2006. Dr. “Rath”, as she is affectionately known to Moanalua students, began her teaching career in Japan in 1983 as an English Instructor. Dr. Rathyen was an award-winning educator and yearbook advisor at Moanalua High School for twenty two years from 1990 to 2012. She was Moanalua Teacher of the Year in 1999 and received the prestigious Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award in 2003. She was also the very first teacher from the Moanalua Complex to attain the highest achievement and distinction as “National Board Certified Teacher” – blazing the trail for many teachers at Moanalua and Hawaii. The Star Bulletin (predecessor to the Star Advertiser) recognized her many talents and selected her as a columnist for “The Goddess Speaks”. Top education expert, Dr. Anne Davies, was so inspired by Cris that she says, *“I wish every student had a chance to learn with Cris Rathyen. She engages learners in significant ways.”*



**Devin Nakasone** is a 1991 graduate of Moanalua High School. When he was eleven years old, he was diagnosed with leukemia and had to undergo chemotherapy and a slew of medical treatment. Fortunately, after close to four years of treatment, Devin was cancer free. His unique story of overcoming adversity and his commitment to “giving back” and serving others is inspirational. Devin is the President and Founder of the non-profit group, “Prayers on Wings” and the author of a children’s book, Luckie Duckie, used for the Rubber Duckie Project to help children to communicate and cope with hardship and adversity. He is a public speaker for schools (most recently at Salt Lake Elementary School and Aliamanu Elementary School) and other community groups. His community service has been featured by many media sources including MidWeek and Hawaii News Now. In 2013, Devin was honored nationally when the United States Jaycees selected Devin for the “2013 Ten Outstanding Young American Honorees.”



**William “Battery Bill” Ogawa** is President of Battery Bill, one of the most successful, long lasting, and community-minded businesses in Hawaii with three locations including an office near Moanalua High School in Mapunapuna. A proud graduate of Roosevelt High School, he attended the University of Hawaii College of Business Administration and Long Beach City College. Bill was a Sales Manager at Servco in the 1980’s before creating Battery Bill in 1988. Bill serves as the Director of the Moanalua Gardens Community Association and is the President of the Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation. His wife, May, was a longtime volunteer for Moanalua High and their son, Cory, is a proud graduate of Moanalua High School, Class of 2009.