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Sam Fujikawa's youngest child, David, graduated from Moanalua High School nearly six years ago — the fourth of Sam's children to graduate from MoHS. By that time (1999), Sam had contributed nearly a dozen years of volunteer service to the school — from serving on the PTSA Board, to Band Booster President, to becoming one of the chief fundraisers for the school's Athletic Department.

Although most parents would view their child's graduation as reason enough to "retire" from school service, Sam is still helping the school as chair of the annual fundraising golf tournament. When golfers tee it up at the event next month, it will mark Sam's 16th time as chair.

As the busy CEO of Continental Mechanical of the Pacific, why does Sam continue to do it? Well, you can start with his children: Robert (Class of '90), a mechanical engineer, is President of Continental Mechanical of the Pacific, the family-owned contracting firm that specializes in plumbing, air conditioning and fire protection. Robert's wife, Kimberly Sakamoto, a CPA, is his former Moanalua classmate. Sam's daughter Tricia (Class of '94) has almost completed law school, son Michael (Class of '96) is plumbing superintendent for Continental Mechanical, and David (Class of '99) is majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Hawaii.

"I suppose you could say it's give-back time," Sam explains. "If there were someone willing to step in I'd gladly step aside. However, the tournament raises so much money for the school that we can't afford to let it die. We raise enough money so that some of it can be earmarked for Project Graduation. Like this dinner, people just have to step up and do it. It's us, all of us, who make it work."

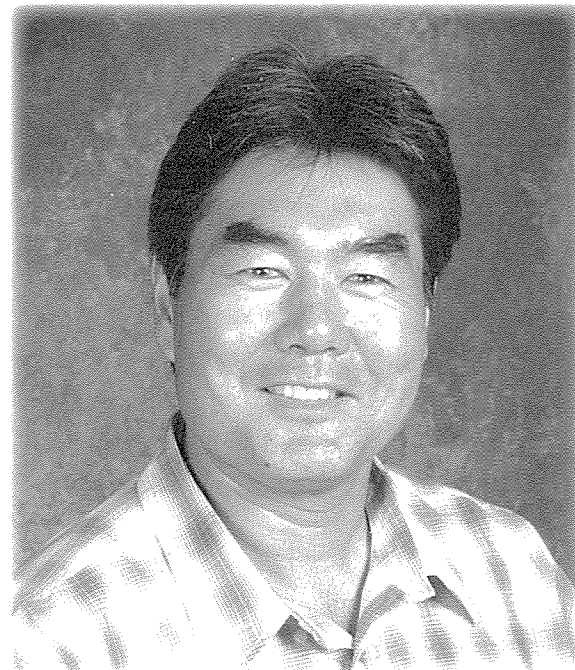


Calvin Shimomura

When Calvin Shimomura thinks about Moanalua High School, in his mind he sees something that few others can envision. "I was there from Day One," he recalls. "It was nothing — lots of bulldozers and heavy equipment, but no gym, no cafeteria, no library, no tennis courts...only one building."

What may have been lacking in facilities, Calvin made up in involvement. He excelled both academically and athletically as captain of the football team, and played varsity baseball and track, was president of the Lettermen's Club and even Senior Prom king. Even after graduation, Calvin was still breaking new ground, serving as the MoHS Alumni Association's original President.

After earning his M.A. degree in Educational Administration, Calvin began his distinguished career in education, which included eight years as Guidance Counselor at Moanalua High School and



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two years as its Vice Principal. He coached Junior Varsity and Varsity football, Boys and Girls Track, and Varsity Golf. After serving as principal at two other schools, Calvin now serves as the Personnel Regional Officer for the D.O.E. Central District.

As a key member of Moanalua High School's first graduating class, Calvin has always been asked to help the young school to grow as a volunteer in various capacities. "It's good, though," he reflects. "It was such that we had to be part of the school... and it was part of us."

"To see where the school is today — how it's progressed and grown — is a good feeling to have been one of the pioneers. After all, the hard work and volunteerism — all that we did — it's just miraculous. To me, Moanalua is and always has been the best public school in Hawaii."

Casey Nakama: "Every day, I look forward to teaching students..."

It's more than a little ironic that while he was in high school Casey Nakama never played the sport that he later came to be identified with. Instead, the gifted athlete made his mark at Moanalua High School in football, basketball and track — earning OIA All-Star honors in basketball and was state Track & Field Long Jump Champion in his junior year.

Casey graduated from the Moanalua in 1976, the same year he took up golf. After much success as an amateur, he turned pro in 1985, playing on the Asian Tour, the Ben Hogan/PGA Tour, and won five-times on the Golden State Tour in California. He also won many local championships, including the Hilo Invitational, Hawaii State Open, JAL Rainbow Open, Makaha Open, Maui Open (twice), Mid-Pacific Open and Waikoloa Open, to mention a few.

In 1992, Casey began teaching golf at Olomana. He presently runs the Olomana Golf Development program, which has turned out many of Hawaii's stellar young golfers. One of Casey's most famous students is Michelle Wie, who was only 9 years old when he began coaching her. Within three years, Michelle was astounding the golf world with her prodigious drives and deft short game.

In 2003, Casey received an honorary distinction by Golf Digest Magazine as one of the top golf instructors in the State of Hawaii. Casey's junior academy emphasizes etiquette, honesty, sportsmanship and character. "In my senior year, Vice Principal Bobby Lee helped me to set high standards of behavior and conduct. I try to pass those values on to my students," Casey says.

Is there another Michelle Wie out there amongst Casey's hundreds of students? Well, Moanalua High School's Jaclyn Hilea, who took up golf only three-and-a-half years ago, can drive the golf ball nearly as long as Wie, Casey says. No matter who the next prodigy may be, you can bet that the hundreds of young golfers that have been touched by Casey's teaching will learn as much about life as they do about golf.

