



The Honorees

Our 2017 honorees are aptly described by the phrase, *“the best of the best.”* Their professional accomplishments allow each of them to stand at the top of their fields as each has reached the pinnacle of success. Their life-long commitment to service-giving 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.



Darrel Galera was the Principal at Moanalua High School (MoHS) from 2000-2013. Mr. Galera began his long career in education as a social studies teacher at MoHS where he was named Teacher of the Year in 1984. He has also served as principal of Shafter Elementary, S.W. King Intermediate, ‘Aiea Elementary and Castle High. He has been recognized as the Hawai‘i National Distinguished High School Principal of the Year, Central O‘ahu District Principal of the Year and the U.S. Presidential Scholar Program’s Distinguished Teacher to name a few. He is currently the Chairperson for the Governor’s ESSA Team, a School Leadership Consultant and Coach for the Hawaii Center for Instructional Leadership and the Executive Director for the Education Institute of Hawaii. He was recently appointed to the Board of Education by Governor David Ige. He has been and continues to be an inspirational role model for all, as a leader, educator and public servant. We are truly proud to have him as one of Moanalua High School’s *‘the best of the best’*.



Paul Fernandez has been a resident of Moanalua Gardens for over 55 years. His reputation for excellence in community service, both at the local and international level, earned him the “Ambassador of Goodwill” Award, the highest honor granted to a member of the Lions Clubs International. He served as president of the Kalihi Business Association and Hawaii Office Machine Dealers Association, and as member of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and Moanalua Gardens Community Association. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to The Blood Bank of Hawaii. For the past 63 years, Paul has been an active member of the Lions Club committed to being of service. He served as Lions Clubs International Director, Deputy District and District Governor, Club President, and Zone Chair. He passionately mentored many new Lions to understand what it means to *Serve*. Paul is the former Owner of PF Typewriter and Time Clock. He is also a dedicated husband to his wife Pat and has seven children, 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



Craig Hirasaki is a 1983 graduate of Moanalua High School. After earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Hawaii, Craig worked as an Art Director in the design and advertising world. He is currently a Partner and Creative Director at ConnectWorks Group, a marketing and advertising agency. With over 25 years of experience, he has produced award-winning solutions for a diverse set of clients in the financial, tourism, culture and arts, sports, technology and retail industries. He has built identities and brands for the Honolulu Symphony, Kauai Lagoons, Honolulu Academy of Arts, Hardware Hawaii, Mid-Pacific, Island Insurance and the University of Hawaii Athletics. Passionate about the arts, Craig also has been playing music ever since leaving MoHS, as a drummer/percussionist and tenor soloist. Craig also serves on the board of the West Honolulu Rotary, Diamond Head Classic Steering Committee and the Moanalua Alumni Foundation. He is especially grateful for his education at MoHS. Craig lives in Moiliili with his loving wife Debbie, energetic daughter Samantha and Goldendoodle Bo.