



## The Honorees

Our 2013 honorees are aptly described by the phrase, *“the best of 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.



**Shonn Hirota Chee** currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Moanalua Alumni Foundation as its Secretary and Co-Chair for the Menehune Bash, a fundraiser which was her brainchild. She envisions a strong and thriving Alumni Foundation and her goal is to see Moanalua High School have one of the best facilities that a public school could possibly have. A proud member of the class of 1981 and a former Moanalua High School Cheerleader, she was a founding member of the Moanalua Alumni Association. Shonn has worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist for the past 25 years, the last six for Clyde Uchida, DDS. She and husband Albert have two daughters, Taylor and Ashlyn, who attend Kamehameha Schools.



Former Athletic Director **Dana Takahara-Dias** has been part of the Moanalua High School Ohana for over 20 years. Having spent over 15 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator, Dana will always have a special place in her heart for Moanalua High School. She is widely credited for helping to bring Moanalua High School to the level of athletic excellence it now enjoys (note: Moanalua won the 2012 Kaimana Award for Outstanding High School Athletic Program (Red Division) for the 4th time in the last 5 years). After serving for three years as the University of Hawaii Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Dana now works for the State Department of Education as the Acting Title IX Specialist. She is the proud mom of two sons, Hunter and Logan.



**Ronald Jones** is one of the most active members of the Moanalua Community. He has served as the President of the Moanalua Gardens Community Association for the past 14 years. He has also been deeply involved with the Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council, the Kalihi Business Association, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation, and the Moanalua Lions Club, serving as either an officer or Board member in each organization. Ron also has sat on the Board of Directors of Damien Memorial School for the past seven years. A graduate of the University of Hawaii, he retired in 2011 as Chairman and Founder of Sonitrol of Hawaii, LLC, a company with over 1,400 clients. Ron married his high school sweetheart, Pat, over 50 years ago. They have two children, David and Lisa, and three grandchildren.



**Norman Sakamoto** is widely recognized as one of Hawaii’s most outstanding past legislators. He served in the Hawaii State Senate for fourteen years, ten as the Chair of the Education Committee. He is credited for providing the leadership for significant reforms for public education in Hawaii. During his tenure as a State Senator, Norman was a strong supporter of Moanalua High School. He has fond memories of serving as a Homecoming Judge and attending numerous performances by Moanalua High School’s outstanding music program. He is currently a Special Assistant at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the owner of SC Pacific Corporation, a building construction firm. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hawaii in 1969 and a Masters of Science degree from the University of Illinois in 1970. He and wife Penny are the proud parents of David, Greg, and Kathy.