Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association – O‘ahu Region Scholarship

2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 48874

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Andrew Lai Student Leadership and Activities Director Kamehameha Schools	Educator

Once in a while you get reminded of why you do what you do. Life is funny that way. Just when you think it is futile to have hope in the future of this country, you get a glimmer. KAPF48874 has been a beacon in the way of hope for the success of this country, and an excellent reminder to me of why I chose to be a kumu.

As the Recording Secretary for our executive board of student government, KAPF48874’s positive and go-get-‘em attitude has consistently proven to be a huge asset in the success of our events and the general functioning of our student government. Resilience. No better word could be found to talk about one of my most embattled student leaders. KAPF48874 is a shining example of what it means to overcome, to bounce back, to resolve. While everyone has strife in their lives, KAPF48874 has had to endure more than most of his peers. Life seems to consistently throw curve balls at her. Despite it all, she does it with the bravery and fortitude of an incredibly strong woman. It is because of that grit, when I first met KAPF48874, I thought to myself, “I know I am going to like this kid.” I was right. I saw so much potential in this young woman.

KAPF48874 has been an integral part in several community service projects we’ve done this year, including, our blood drives, lo’i clean ups, food and supplies collection drives, a huge fundraiser drive for Maui fire victims, etc. Her determination to play a big part in helping others is a huge motivation for her community service passion. I am pretty sure I know why she has such a drive in helping others.

As I’ve mentioned, one of KAPF48874’s most striking qualities is her ability to get back up when she is down. Having faced great adversity throughout her young life, KAPF48874 has never let that be a reason to give up. Instead, she has used her challenges to motivate her. She has done tremendous soul searching and unbelievable growth. KAPF48874 has managed to raise herself up to the mature young woman she is today. Independent, hard-working, devoted, loyal, and staunchly committed, KAPF48874 never ceases to impress me. Resilient barely begins to describe the intestinal fortitude this young lady demonstrates on a daily basis. She has learned to not let life be an excuse, rather to let

life's challenges strengthen her. I firmly believe, that because of those adversities and life lessons, she recognizes others' needs and wants nothing more than to help.

As a teacher, it is never easy to watch a child figure out life without one of their parents present in her life to guide them. I could not be happier that she has found the strength to confide in me. Through her resilience, she has taught me what it means to be a strong person, a strong leader, and a good person. She has shown me that with motivation and determination, one can overcome the biggest obstacle. I hope in some small way I help to make a difference in KAPF48874's life, because she certainly makes a difference in mine.

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Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Glenn Bunger Mathematics teacher Kamehameha Schools	Educator

I have had the honor of being both KAPF48874’s homeroom and math teacher here at Kamehameha Schools. She stands out to me in my 25-year career because of her self-reflectiveness and her commitment to community including school leadership, winning in our nationally recognized debate team, all while still maintaining deep friendships, and most important for our school, practicing alaka’i lawelawe/servant leadership.

She maintains strong grades, and more importantly, also diligently focuses on understanding why and how her classes ranging from AP Computer Science to AP Government can be applied in her life and community. In my AP Stats course she earned an A and scored high enough for college credit, and she now understands how to interpret data if she pursues her dream job of becoming a law school graduate going back to service her community.

When I think of who she really is, one memory immediately comes to mind: I remember her involvement in our homeroom service project, where our homeroom photographed and interviewed all the school kitchen staff. Most of the students enjoyed meeting and interviewing people, but she led a smaller team of students to complete all the tedious final work of transferring and creating the final posters to go along the entire wall to honor the kitchen staff. She inspired the other students to do the final push to complete the work. She did this because she was grateful to all the uncles and aunties that provided her and her friends amazing lunches every day.

She is deeply embedded in her extra-curricular communities. She has been dancing hula every year since she was 4, including annually performing in Merrie Monarch. She has been part of speech and debate since she was in 7th grade; by her junior year, she was the singular captain of all the debate teams, and is currently the highest achieving in overall points in the state competitions. She was the youngest ever Academic All American from our school. She is not just a good arguer; she is a good listener. She has been involved in student government every single year. In spite of her years of involvement in student government, leading up to her senior year, she ran and lost for student body

president, and her failure helped her recognize that the recognition isn't as important as the work. As she told me, "live the life you imagine, not the title."

I can state that she commits to hard work, yet remains open to finding success in any class she takes. I have no doubt that she will thrive in university, and that her single mom will support in any way she can. Her finely tuned empathy and compassion are leading her towards a career where she will help her Native Hawaiian community to live better lives, and I feel she will be very successful. She is a hard-working, goal-oriented, and compassionate individual who will succeed in the collegiate arena and be a credit to Kamehameha Schools, her community, and the Pauahi Foundation.

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KAPF ID# 48938

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Landon Yamashiro Recreation Manager Palama Settlement	Employer

Aloha e Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for KAPF48938. As the Manager of Recreations at Palama Settlement, I oversee a wide array of programs serving youth, adults, and seniors in the Kalihi Palama community. This past summer, I had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Taira during our Summer Enrichment Program, where I witnessed her remarkable growth and exceptional contributions firsthand.

Launched in 1982, Palama Settlement's Summer Enrichment Program is an eight-week program that serves approximately 60 kids ranging from kindergarten to fifth graders. The majority of the participants come from challenged backgrounds where they have limited access to resources from food security to educational opportunities. This Enrichment Program provides parents with the security of supervision of their children while they are at work and focuses on the holistic development of the child. Providing meals and snacks throughout the day, the program ensures that the children are in a healthy and nurturing environment during their summer break.

From the first week, I noticed Taira carried herself differently from the rest of the staff. Despite being a recent high school graduate, she quickly adapted to the professional environment, demonstrating maturity and professionalism beyond her years. Amidst the program, I observed her natural leadership abilities and a genuine passion for the work she was doing. Whether mentoring a child struggling with a new skill or collaborating with her peers, Taira consistently showed empathy, patience, and creativity. Taira's work ethic is exemplary. She consistently arrived on time, prepared, and eager to contribute. She approached every task, no matter how small, with enthusiasm and a solutions-oriented mindset. These qualities, combined with her keen awareness of the needs of others, make her a standout individual with unlimited potential.

I fully believe that Taira will utilize and leverage her scholarship to best expose herself to new opportunities. The amount of effort she displayed during her seasonal employment proves her true character of being a diligent worker. Her dedication, resilience, and passion for making a positive

impact on others will undoubtedly propel her toward success in her academic and professional pursuits. It has been a privilege to witness her growth, and I wholeheartedly support her in this next chapter of her journey.

With warm regards,

Landon Yamashiro

Recreations Department Manager

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KAPF ID# 48938

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Mike Morita Ramp Service United Airlines	Educator

Aloha,

I have known KAPF48938 for most of her life but was fortunate to have worked with her during her 9th to 12th grade years in high school. She was the manager for the varsity football team under two different head coaches. Being a football manager is thankless and time consuming job but such a vital part of a football program.

KAPF48938 is a very respectful young lady. Being respectful to all is a given for this young lady and is evident the first time you meet and speak with her. Her respect for the older managers no matter how they treated her was what impressed me. She always had her integrity, even when the other managers would resent her for it. Because of her respect for the coach, her peers and the team, what would have been issues in past years between managers was never a distraction to the team because she wouldn't let it bother her and she would never hold anything against the older manager's unpleasant actions towards her. KAPF48938 knew that if she told the head coach about the other managers it would be a distraction to him and the team so she always handled it herself.

KAPF48938 is a very responsible young lady. Both head coaches often spoke highly of KAPF48938 because they could count on her for doing exactly what she was told to do. She was often the first one at practice and one of the last to leave because she wanted to make sure that everything she needed to do, was done correctly. As an assistant coach, I truly appreciated her relentless effort and work because it made my job so much easier in this day and age of technology.

KAPF48938 is a very reliable young lady. The coaching staff could count on her to show up day in and day out. Always there and often times, one step ahead of the coaching staff. She didn't have to be told what to do, she knew what had to be done and just did it. She even came to practice the day after her knee surgery on crutches.

KAPF48938 was always trustworthy and dependable.

KAPF48938 was always a straight A student and would be upset with any grade less whether it was a quiz, test, project or overall grade. She was always involved with all sorts of committees, volunteer groups as well as basketball and wrestling. Her family and I would tell her to slow down and don't sign up for so much but she would always just smile without saying anything. When she sets her mind on something, it was set. Obviously her time management was what helped her with all of her achievements, and her parents confirmed it with me.

KAPF48938 is such a loving, giving and caring person. She is always concerned for others' well being. At the same time she is a tough one who will not be bullied or swayed into doing something she doesn't believe in or what is not right. She comes from a large family and has been raised well by her parents. She will be successful in all of her endeavours. I highly recommend KAPF48938 for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Mike Morita

KS FB Assistant Coach

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KAPF ID# 48991

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Che Sabol Student Succcess Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School	Educator

I am pleased to provide this recommendation letter for KAPF48991, a remarkable student with whom I have the pleasure of working as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama High School.

KAPF48991 is a hardworking, motivated, and persistent young woman who gives her all in everything she does, even when faced with challenges. Transitioning into 9th grade was difficult for KAPF48991 as she struggled with finding her place and understanding her identity. She often followed others and engaged in activities simply because they were comfortable rather than pursuing things she truly enjoyed. This struggle significantly affected her self-esteem and self-confidence. However, by stepping outside her comfort zone, trying new experiences, and engaging with trusted individuals, KAPF48991 has found greater peace of mind and a more profound sense of self. This journey of self-discovery continues to shape who she is today and will likely influence her for the rest of her life.

KAPF48991’s academic record speaks volumes about her diligence and insight, reflected in her impressive 4.0 Cumulative GPA. She is on a trajectory to graduate with her Academic Honors Diploma in May 2025. Through our regular meetings, I have learned of KAPF48991’s ambition to pursue a career that aligns with her passion for design. KAPF48991 has expressed that a career in design would allow her to work behind the scenes while also making meaningful contributions to others. She considers herself a “guide on the side” type of person, valuing the role of supporting and facilitating rather than being in the spotlight.

Moreover, KAPF48991 is currently on track to earn her Associate’s Degree through our high school’s Dual Credit program. This program offers a unique opportunity for students to graduate with a 60-credit Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies. KAPF48991’s academic and personal achievements in this demanding environment testify to her dedication and capability.

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KAPF ID# 48991

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Michael Hope AP Study Hall Supervisor/Academic Tutor Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

Aloha e Pauahi Foundation,

For all of her courses, but her chemistry and math courses in particular, KAPF48991 exhibited a profound intellectual curiosity. Along with her remarkable work ethic, this curiosity allowed her to maintain consistently high marks and serve as an academic role model to her fellow students. KAPF48991 demonstrates a sustained passion for education that would be welcome at any institution.

One of Kamehameha Schools' pre-eminent student organizations is the Ambassadors of Aloha Aina (love of the land) Club. They foster local and international relationships between schools in the spirit of diplomacy and representing Hawaii, as many ancestral native Hawaiians once did. In her role for this club, KAPF48991 served as one of a select few international representatives for schools in Scotland and London. Her extensive work with the club also included organizing fundraisers via the Hoolaulea (an annual Hawaiian cultural festival) and the Alumni Market.

Instructing KAPF48991 is a rewarding privilege. Her commitment to her school is evidenced by her work ethic, and her cultural awareness has nurtured our Kamehameha ‘ohana (family) in a way that few other students have. She is the epitome of what a Kamehameha Schools graduate represents. Any school fortunate enough to teach her will be forever rewarded by her presence, persistence, and stewardship. I am honored to provide her an enthusiastic recommendation and know it to be thoroughly well deserved.

Mahalo nui,

Michael Hope

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KAPF ID# 48991

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Daina Enabe Social Studies Department Head Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

I am writing to offer my wholehearted recommendation for 48991, who has been a student in my U.S. History through Gender Studies class over the past year. During this time, I have had the pleasure of witnessing her growth, dedication, and passion for learning, which I believe make her an outstanding candidate for your college.

From the very beginning, 48991 demonstrated a strong sense of ownership and responsibility in all her class assignments and projects. Her commitment to her work was evident in the meticulous care she took in completing each task, always striving for excellence. This level of dedication is particularly impressive given her responsibilities as the oldest child in her family, where she plays a significant role in taking care of her younger siblings. Despite those family-related duties, 48991 has still been able to do well in school and yet still be heavily involved in other activities.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, 48991 is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers at her church, contributing her time and energy to various initiatives. Her involvement extends to several school clubs, including Students Give Back, Kids4Kids, and Aloha Aina Ambassadors. These activities highlight her commitment to service and her ability to balance multiple responsibilities effectively.

One of the most memorable projects 48991 undertook was her National History Day (NHD) project. This project allowed her to delve into a historical topic that was both specific and personally relevant, showcasing her excitement for history. She demonstrated creativity and critical thinking in creating a documentary that was both informative and engaging on hip hop music in the 90s. This project was a testament to her ability to connect historical events to contemporary issues, a skill that will undoubtedly serve her well in her future endeavors.

Over the course of the year, I have seen 48991 grow significantly as a student. Initially, she did not have a strong passion for history, but as she became more comfortable in the class, she began to appreciate the history's relevance to her potential future career in business management with a focus in human resources. Her insights into labor movements, the evolution of workers' rights, and modern-day

issues involving diversity and inclusion have provided her with a solid foundation for understanding the complexities of the workplace.

I am confident that 48991 's dedication, resilience, and passion for learning will make her a valuable addition to your college community. She has the potential to excel in her studies and contribute meaningfully to campus life. I believe that the opportunities and resources available at your institution will help her further develop her skills and achieve her career goals.

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KAPF ID# 49068

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Matt Levi martial arts instructor/owner security company MATT LEVI CORPORATION	Employer

I have known KAPF49068 for the past 11 years, and he has been my martial arts student for that entire time. Our martial arts training is demanding and KAPF49068 has risen from a white belt beginner to a brown belt instructor. Our confidence in him is such that he is now a paid part-time instructor in our non-profit martial arts program.

KAPF49068 has always shown himself to be a young man of good character, and he is an excellent teacher. We were very proud when he was accepted and graduated from the Kamehameha Schools, and was admitted to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he is in his first year. KAPF49068 exemplifies the moral and spiritual strength of a leader and role model. I do not hesitate to recommend him for any available position or scholarship...Mahalo, Matt Levi

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KAPF ID# 49068

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Gina Karas Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for KAPF49068. I previously worked with KAPF49068 as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School, and have worked as a school counselor for more than 10 years.

I have known KAPF49068 for more than two years; our students typically switch to new counselors when they enter the 11th grade at Kamehameha. KAPF49068 is an affable student who seriously enjoys the art of conversation, but especially so when asked about those things he is most passionate about, which in my experience has been anything to do with astronomy or astrophysics. KAPF49068’s mind is constantly in motion, he loves to solve problems creatively, and is intensely focused on those things that are important to him.

KAPF49068's journey with karate spans many years, and for him, it extends far beyond self-defense. Through this practice, he has discovered the values of independence, resilience and hard work when faced with physical and mental challenges. Karate has taught him that mistakes are part of life, but instead of giving up, you pick yourself up and forge ahead, knowing that growth and improvement come from perseverance. This mindset proved invaluable when KAPF49068 recognized that the group of friends he associated with in high school was not conducive to his well-being. He often felt the need to be someone he wasn't to fit in, and the friendships lacked reciprocity. Walking away from that group was a tough decision, but in doing so, he found a new set of friends who embraced him for who he was.

KAPF49068 spent seven years at a Hawaiian immersion school before joining Kamehameha Schools in 7th grade speaks fluent Hawaiian. This unique experience has deepened his connection to his heritage, though he acknowledges that his cultural identity is quite fluid, given that he is also Japanese and Korean. He takes pride in being a blend of cultures, and this diversity has made him more open-minded when facing differing viewpoints, even when he disagrees. KAPF49068 is always eager to engage in discussion, sharing his thoughts, while also being adept at understanding alternative

perspectives. These qualities will undoubtedly serve him well in our increasingly interconnected world.

During his first year in college, KAPF49068 continues to look for ways to engage with others. Making new friendships in college was an eye-opener for him, and forming friendships outside his “safe” friendship circle has helped him to appreciate the challenges that other students face. This has helped him to create a space for himself in a community where he feels safe, supported and valued - but also challenges his thinking and inspires him to grow both personally and academically. His unwavering curiosity about our world ensures that he will continue to be an eager and committed student.

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KAPF ID# 49086

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Gina Karas Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for KAPF49086. I previously worked with KAPF49086as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama High School, and have worked as a school counselor for more than 10 years.

I have known KAPF49086 for over two years; our students typically switch to new counselors when they enter the 11th grade at Kamehameha. KAPF49086 is undeniably one of the most positive and upbeat students I've ever had the privilege of working with.He excelled in our school's musical theater group and was cast in several leading roles. When a new student who was also passionate about musical theater joined our school as a junior, KAPF49086 connected with him to ensure the new student felt welcome. KAPF49086's readiness to help is characteristic of his kindness and consideration. KAPF49086 was also a member of our school's canoe paddling team and our Hawaiian Ensemble group; both activities served as an important means for him to establish meaningful connections with his Hawaiian heritage.

KAPF49086 is a confident and resourceful young man and is passionate about learning and engaging in new opportunities. For example, when he decided to become a vegetarian in high school, he developed a budget, found affordable produce sources that wouldn’t stretch his family’s limited food budget, and began preparing his own meals. He loves sharing his recipes and his reasons for becoming a vegetarian with anyone who asks. Moreover, KAPF49086 displayed remarkable confidence and poise during our school's Song Contest by representing his Junior class eloquently as a speaker, delivering a lively and humorous introduction for the Class of 2024 in front of a world-wide audience.

KAPF49086's career aspiration is to work on behalf of the environment; his deep appreciation for his Hawaiian culture with its intrinsic respect for the environment,has greatly influenced his career interest. As a student at the University of Washington, KAPF49086 became intrigued by the message delivered by a guest lecturer from the school’s Ocean Technology program, and met with him to discuss it further, leading KAPF49086 to apply for and secure a position in the competitive program! And because KAPF49086 knows how important it is to be supported in one?s college aspirations,

KAPF49086 has begun mentoring a student from Wai?anae High school as part of the Kulia College Pathways program, helping that student navigate the college application process.

KAPF49086 has worked hard to get to where he is today. His eagerness to learn, his inclusivity of others, and his unwavering commitment to excellence make him an exemplary student. I am confident that KAPF49086 will leave a lasting positive impact on the world, and your financial assistance would be a blessing to him.

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KAPF ID# 49086

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
K Koanui-Souza Kukulu Kumuhana Coordinator Na Pua Noeau	Community

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am thrilled to recommend KAPF49086 for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. KAPF49086 has played a vital role in the Kukulu Kumuhana program under Na Pua No‘eau, where he has served as an assistant, showcasing exceptional dedication, professionalism, and aloha throughout his time with us.

KAPF49086 consistently impressed me with his strong work ethic and commitment to fostering cultural knowledge and growth among participants. He brought enthusiasm and attentiveness to his role, which enriched our program’s operations and created a welcoming atmosphere for everyone involved. His ability to connect with students and staff was instrumental in the success of our initiatives.

KAPF49086 works harmoniously with others to achieve shared goals. His caring nature is evident in how he ensures the well-being of program participants and responsibly manages resources. One of KAPF49086’s most admirable qualities is being ha‘aha‘a. He approaches every task with a genuine willingness to learn and grow. This humility makes him approachable and relatable, earning him the respect of his peers and mentors.

Beyond his contributions to the Kukulu Kumuhana program, KAPF49086 has excelled academically and demonstrated impressive dedication to his future goals. He is enrolled in challenging courses at the University of Washington, including General Chemistry 142 and Marine Biology 250. His ambition has also earned him a spot in the highly selective introductory Ocean Technology class—an opportunity typically unavailable to freshmen. In the upcoming quarter, he will continue to excel in courses such as General Chemistry 152, Biology 180, and Math 124 (Calculus).

KAPF49086’s extracurricular involvement further showcases his leadership and dedication to the community. As the Lu‘au Chair for Hui Hoaloha ‘Ulana, the Hawai‘i Club at UW, he oversees the Dance Committee to ensure the success of this cultural celebration. He is also an active member of Husky Taekwondo, highlighting his commitment to physical discipline and teamwork. Additionally,

through Kulia College Pathways, KAPF49086 volunteers as a mentor to a senior at Waiʻanae High School, guiding her through the college application process and helping identify scholarship opportunities to build her confidence as a first-generation college student.

With his strong sense of kuleana and dedication to serving his community, KAPF49086 is an excellent candidate for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. I am confident he will use this opportunity to further his education while continuing to uplift and inspire others.

I wholeheartedly endorse KAPF49086 for this scholarship and trust he will represent the values and vision of the Pauahi Foundation with distinction.

Ke aloha no,

Ku Koanui-Souza

Kukulu Kumuhana Coordinator, Na Pua Noʻeau

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KAPF ID# 49134

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Daina Enabe Social Studies Department Head Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend 49134 a current senior at Kamehameha School Kapalama Campus. I had the pleasure of teaching him last school year in U.S. History through Gender Studies, where he consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and intellectual curiosity.

49134 is a remarkable student with a clear vision for his future. His dream to pursue a major in Aviation Management, with the ultimate goal of becoming a pilot, is both ambitious and inspiring. His commitment to this path is evident through his achievements, such as earning a scholarship with the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, which significantly contributed to his progress toward obtaining a private pilot's license.

In addition to his passion for aviation, 49134 has excelled in various academic and extracurricular activities. His participation in the National History Day contest honed his research skills, enabling him to create annotated bibliographies and curate credible sources effectively. Additionally, 49134's involvement in the Model United Nations simulation showcased his ability to engage with diverse perspectives. Despite representing a political figure whose views he disagreed with, he communicated her beliefs with clarity and conviction, earning the "Best Delegate" award for his contributions.

Beyond his academic achievements, 49134 is a supportive peer, often assisting classmates with varying academic abilities. His perseverance and willingness to go above and beyond, even when not required, highlight his dedication to learning and growth.

While his focus on becoming a pilot has sometimes limited his involvement in school clubs, 49134 has demonstrated impressive time management by running his own business alongside his studies. This entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to his goals will undoubtedly serve him well in college and beyond.

I am confident that 49134 will thrive in a college environment or a career path that supports his aspirations and provides opportunities for further development. His determination, coupled with his academic prowess, makes him an ideal candidate.

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KAPF ID# 49134

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Lauae Gouveia Teacher Kamehameha Schools	Educator

Aloha e Scholarship Committee,

It is with great honor that I compose this Letter of Recommendation for KAPF49134. Before I begin my Letter of Recommendation for KAPF49134, I find it necessary to describe my professional capacity as his teacher. I have known KAPF49134 for the last 2 years. He was in my Dual Credit Honors Chemistry class during the 2022-2023 school year.

KAPF49134 is a perfectionist and always strives for excellence in Honors Chemistry. Often times if he has any questions, he will seek help and clarification immediately. In addition, KAPF49134 takes great pride in his detail notetaking, analytical Lab Report writing skills, and constant pursuit of perfection on formative and summative assessments. KAPF49134 is also very respectful and helpful in class. I often can rely on him to share his thoughts when no one in the class wants to answer a large group discussion question. KAPF49134 has no fear in expressing his thoughts and is often the “spark” that allows students to contribute to the large group discussions. He is someone who works extremely hard in and outside class, and consistently had perfect scores on exams, and the top score for all Honors Chemistry students in my class of 80 students that took a National Chemistry Exam during Finals Week.(Fall and Spring)

KAPF49134 also excels outside of the classroom. As an aspiring professional airlines pilot, KAPF49134 is active in the aviation community. He was fortunate to partner with the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum and earned a scholarship for a year-long program to work towards getting his private pilot’s license, and successfully got his Private Pilot’s license in June 2024. He also participated in internships such as the Aviation A’o Program with Hawaiian Airlines. In addition, he volunteered at educational programs at the Explorer’s Summer Program Club and taught elementary students in grades 3-5 foundational skills to become future aviators. KAPF49134 also was awarded by the Science Department at Kamehameha for the prestigious Caltech Signature Award, bestowed upon a single high school student demonstrating excellence and leadership in STEM.

In conclusion, KAPF49134 is a very bright young man that welcomes the challenges and rigors of Science. He is relentless in pursing perfection and works extremely hard in whatever he sets his mind to, whether it be in or outside of school settings. KAPF49134 wants to become a professional airlines pilot and looks forward to making that dream a reality in college. I strongly recommend and encourage you to consider his application to your scholarship.

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KAPF ID# 49134

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Mariko Navarro Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

Aloha mai,

It is a pleasure to write this counselor statement for KAPF49134. I know KAPF49134 in my capacity as his counselor at the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, through 11th and 12th grade.

KAPF49134 is an exceptional student with a clear passion for aviation and a strong commitment to his future as a commercial airline pilot. His dedication to flying and his academic pursuits make him a standout candidate for any opportunity he seeks. His experience as a pilot in command at his flight school has only deepened his love for flying and his desire to help people travel the world.

KAPF49134's academic achievements are noteworthy, including receiving the Caltech Signature Award in May 2023, which recognizes his exemplary performance in mathematics and sciences. This award is a testament to his hard work, dedication, and ability to excel in challenging subjects. His willingness to help his peers further highlights his character and commitment to fostering a supportive learning environment.

In addition to his academic pursuits, KAPF49134 has actively engaged in meaningful service activities, such as volunteering over 40 hours at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. His involvement in the "Explorers Club" showcases his desire to inspire the next generation of aviators, reflecting his commitment to giving back to the aviation community that has supported him.

KAPF49134's resilience is evident in his ability to balance the demands of school and flight training. He has learned to prioritize his responsibilities, utilizing every available moment to study and prepare for his future. This dedication has not only enhanced his academic confidence but has also equipped him with the skills necessary to succeed in a rigorous field.

As a member of a supportive family, KAPF49134 understands the value of teamwork and sacrifice. His family's commitment to each other's well-being, especially during challenging financial times, has instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility and gratitude. KAPF49134's determination to contribute to his family's success is commendable and speaks volumes about his character.

KAPF49134 has my enthusiastic recommendation and I know that he will thrive in his post-secondary journey.

Malama pono,

Mariko K. Navarro

Student Success Counselor

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KAPF ID# 49134

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Jasmine Beckett Flight instructor Georges Aviation	Community

My name is Jasmine Beckett, and I work as a flight instructor at George’s Aviation. Prior to Geroge’s Aviation, I was a flight attendant for United Airlines. I have been fortunate to meet a wide variety of diverse and qualified individuals after 7 years in the aviation industry. I can confidently state KAPF49134 is one of the most capable young pilots I have had the pleasure to both instruct and mentor. His future in aviation is undoubtedly bright and I know he will accomplish everything he sets out to achieve.

I first met KAPF49134 in 2023 when he was a student at George’s Aviation in Honolulu, HI where I was an instructor. He quickly made his presence felt with his determination, eloquence, engaging personality, and the positive manner in which he carried himself. I could immediately sense he was dedicated regarding his aviation goals. He maximized all his available time in pursuit of flying, always punctual, and quicky rose to the top of the Order of Merit List. KAPF49134 is not only a natural and skilled aviator, but a true academic and masters all course work. He time and again displayed his mathematical proficiencies and a keen ability to solve advanced calculations and apply solutions at ease.

This bright young man is worthy of every investment as I know without a doubt it will pay dividends in his future. KAPF49134 is already a leader and a scholar in his own right, but I urge the committee to further reward accolades upon this most deserving individual and watch him succeed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this letter, and thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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KAPF ID# 49230

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Monica Lum Transition Specialist Kamehameha Schools	Educator

I enthusiastically write this recommendation for KAPF49230, as I have known them since spring 2024. My partnership with them as their Transition Specialist has allowed me to get to know them on a personal level, as our relationship continues to evolve. They concurrently earned an Associate of Arts degree from HPU and their high school degree last year, aiding in their readiness to take on the rigors this fall at Hawai?i Pacific University as an Elementary Education major.

Understanding they are solely covering the cost of college, I admire how driven they are. Dividing their time towards their academics and producing quality work and solid grades, with working during the week and weekends, they rely heavily on their strong time management skills, discipline, and “hustle” mentality. They budget their finances to ensure they are able to cover all of their expenses. When their financial aid offer unexpectedly changed mid-semester, it resulted in having them readjust their budget to accommodate the revision. Though it was a challenging situation, due to their meticulous budgeting, they were capable to continue moving forward.

With their current experience working in customer service, and their past involvement as a Kumon Center Assistant creating lesson plans personalized to the students they worked with, and coaching children who played AYSO, they are gaining exposure and skills that are applicable to their career goal of becoming an elementary teacher. Not only do they have those transferable skills, they also have a friendly and approachable demeanor.

I am confident KAPF49230 will represent your scholarship with respect and professionalism. They uphold a positive and reliable character, demonstrates the capability of working hard to achieve their goals, and embraces opportunities wholeheartedly to aid their growth. If you would ilke to further discuss KAPF49230’s competencies and disposition, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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KAPF ID# 49230

Writer Information:
Eugene Guillian
Assistant Professor of Education
Hawaii Pacific University

Recommendation Type:
Educator

Dear Pauahi Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of KAPF49230, whom I have known since the beginning of the Fall 2024 semester, which started on Monday, August 26, 2024. KAPF49230 is a student of mine in ED 3300: Introduction to Teaching, which is one of the core courses that teacher candidates in the Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education (BAEED) program are required to take. The course had an enrollment of 14 students, 12 of whom are teacher candidates who are planning on performing their teaching internships in Fall 2025.

I had the opportunity to serve as KAPF49230’s instructor in this course over the past 16 weeks, and I got to know KAPF49230 well through interactions in the weekly course as well as through her weekly written assignments submitted to the online learning management system. I would describe KAPF49230 as a friendly and reliable person. KAPF49230 is the kind of student that a teacher feels confident in being able to assign tasks and count on them quickly grasping what is being asked of them. KAPF49230’s work was always right on target, indicating an excellent grasp of professional language relating to teaching concepts and skills. Assignments were always submitted well before the due dates, and the quality of the written work was always excellent: the writing was clear, easy to read, and ideas fleshed out with supporting details, using concepts accurately. KAPF49230 interacted well with classmates and was KAPF49230 and able to work well with all classmates. KAPF49230 had a perfect attendance record during the semester, and always arrived in class with enough time to settle down and be prepared for the start of class.

Based on the above experience, I have the highest level of confidence in KAPF49230’s success in future academic and professional endeavors. Awarding the scholarship to KAPF49230, I believe, would be an excellent investment that will have great returns in the form of a successful and accomplished young professional who will make a big positive impact for the wider community.

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KAPF ID# 49386

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Pauline Kawamata Operations and Volunteer Program Director Hawaii Nature Center	Community

As the Operations and Volunteer Program Director for the Hawai‘i Nature Center, I am writing this letter of recommendation for KAPF49386. KAPF49386 served as a volunteer since 2017 to the present and has logged 169 hours of volunteer service.

Most of KAPF49386’s volunteer time came from serving as a Junior Leader with our nature adventure camps. His main responsibility was to assist the environmental educators with all aspects of our weeklong, all-day camps. KAPF49386 worked with children ages 6 to 11 years old and demonstrated a high level of maturity and great leadership skills. He was very responsible and interacted well with the educators and campers during various outdoor activities, such as fishing at the stream, meadow explorations, bug hunting, hiking, off site field trips, nature crafts, and group games.

KAPF49386 was an excellent role model for the young campers. He was always energetic, enthusiastic, positive, and patient. He had the ability to get the campers to focus on the tasks at hand and did so in a firm yet kind manner. Because of his confidence and great communication skills, the educators gave him the opportunity to lead group activities and games. He even did an evening presentation about watersheds for our board members.

Because KAPF49386 was a past participant in our camps for six years before he chose to become a Junior Leader, KAPF49386 could relate to the campers and share his knowledge and meaningful experiences with them. Our education team truly appreciates KAPF49386’s hard work and dedication. KAPF49386 will always go above and beyond what is expected of him. He has a positive mindset and the determination to be successful in all his future endeavors. We wish him all the best!

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KAPF ID# 49386

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Kapua Reeves Faculty Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

I have had the pleasure of coaching and mentoring KAPF49386 since the fall of 2022. I have worked with him most extensively as his coach for Kamehameha Speech & Debate and witnessed his leadership abilities as a member of the executive board. To describe KAPF49386 briefly, he is industrious, diligent, and operates on an extremely mature and professional level. I believe he is an excellent candidate and deserving of your scholarship.

The majority of my interactions with KAPF49386 have been in relation to our speech and debate team. Right away KAPF49386 impressed me with his positive attitude and stellar work ethic. After every tournament he made it a point to meet with me to determine the best method of improvement. He faced every critique with an even stronger commitment to succeed and maintained a positive attitude. His diligence helped him to reach his goal of making it to the state tournament for impromptu speaking, one of the most competitive categories in our league. Last year he was the state champion in International Extemporaneous Speaking where a student has half an hour to prepare a seven minute speech answering a question about global current events and policies. KAPF49386 represented Hawaii at the National Speech & Debate Tournament this past summer in the same category.

KAPF49386 is also an exemplary student leader. As last year’s team tournamentarian and this year’s director of public relations his attention to detail and follow-through are on another level. He cares deeply about creating a space that is welcoming and engaging for his team mates and he does a wonderful job of taking initiative and completing projects at a high quality level. In this first semester alone he single handedly worked with an outside vendor to arrange a team fundraiser, redesigned our social media account and class room decor, and planned a social coming up later this month.

Though I could go on and on about KAPF49386’s commitment, work ethic, and many achievements, what impresses me most about him is his authenticity and focus. When faced with opposing viewpoints, criticism, or conflict KAPF49386 doesn’t shy away, nor does he compromise who he is, which I really admire. I believe KAPF49386 is the embodiment of the Hawaiian value of kulia or

excellence. He constantly goes above and beyond in his studies and extracurricular commitments. KAPF49386 is the type of student that knows his goals and worth and is willing to seek help to reach his potential. His determination and work ethic demonstrates a level of maturity that goes unrivaled amongst his peers. I have enjoyed watching KAPF49386 hone his communication skills and have been inspired by his ability to be unshakeable in his drive for excellence. It has been humbling to work with such a determined individual and I am confident that he will continue to pave a way of excellence in everything he commits to. I offer my highest recommendation.

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KAPF ID# 49386

Writer Information:
Ashley Makahilahila
Student Success Counselor
Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus

Recommendation Type:
Educator

Aloha mai,

It is a pleasure to write this counselor statement for KAPF49386. I have worked with KAPF49386 in my capacity as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama High School for the past two years. KAPF49386 can best be described as communicative, focused, and driven.

KAPF49386 is a student who is not only academically gifted but also incredibly driven. With a GPA of 4.03 in a rigorous curriculum that includes Advanced Placement and honors classes, he has consistently demonstrated his intellectual capabilities and commitment to excellence. His passion for learning extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by his proactive approach to his future career. He has taken courses such as Computer Illustration and Design and Principles of Entrepreneurship, which reflect his dual interest in architecture and business. This thoughtful selection of coursework showcases his strategic planning towards his career aspirations.

Beyond academics, KAPF49386 is a vibrant part of our school community. As a dedicated tennis player since his freshman year, he has shown great perseverance and team spirit. His involvement in the Speech and Debate Club has been particularly noteworthy, with him reaching the state level competitions in both his sophomore and junior years. His charisma and exuberance for life make him a natural leader and a positive influence on his peers.

KAPF49386 has the capacity to do many great things for his community. His dedication to community service is demonstrated at the Hawai?i Nature Center where he is a group leader. His personality combined with his work ethic make him a competitive candidate for any opportunity he chooses to pursue. I highly recommend him for all he does and mahalo you for this opportunity.

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KAPF ID# 49502

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Mercedes Kam Facilities Coordinator Le Jardin Academy	Community

To whom it may concern,

I am honored to be submitting this Letter of Recommendation for my neighbor and dear friend, KAPF49502, who I often refer to as my “2nd child” when introducing KAPF49502 to others. KAPF49502 qualifies for be a recipient of funds from the Pauahi Foundation as he is driven, balanced, and caring to others.

I have known KAPF49502 for almost 10 years as he and my daughter became very good friends when he arrived at the same school and they realized they lived within walking distance. This played an essential role in our life as when covid struck when they were in 7th grade as he was part of our “covid bubble.” Both being only children, they had each other to lean on and survive social isolation until Hawai?i opened its doors back to the world.

He’s very driven in his studies as he is very focused on aviation school as he is accumulating his flight hours. Gaining flight hours over the summer is impressive as most teens sleep their summer away whereas KAPF49502’s “early bird catches the worm” attitude had him out and about earning his flight hours all summer long while he still managed to stay balanced by tending to his native plant garden and exploring the outdoors.

KAPF49502 has great leadership qualities as he will always initiate and plan an activity that involves hiking, surfing, etc. His knowledge of the land and positive attitude is such a rare quality that I find in many kids who had resorted to staying indoors as shut-ins during covid. Because he is so driven in his passions, he even started a native plant club at his school which he enjoys sharing the knowledge he has accumulated over the years with us and has even helped us with our own native plant garden at home.

KAPF49502 is unique as he is balanced. He is creative as he learned how to bake when he was younger which then turned into a small business, he then took on the art of lei making, specifically

making beautiful lei po'o. Learning how to navigate through a kitchen, enjoy the outdoors, and creativity through cultural arts/heritage is what makes KAPF49502 who he is.

Most important to me, among other strengths, KAPF49502 is my "positive influencer" as he was so present for my daughter and I when our family dynamics changed at home as my husband and I have been going through a divorce. He is the best friend that anyone could ask for as he makes us smile and continues to check in on my daughter and I regularly. He is a true extension of 'ohana. His gift of making anyone feel included and part of his 'ohana to whatever community he joins makes him worthy of receiving funds from the Pauahi Foundation because I know he will be supportive of his community, wherever he chooses.

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KAPF ID# 49502

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Sheryl Kashiwa Teacher Kamehameha High School	Educator

Dear Pauahi Foundation,

It is a true pleasure for me to write a recommendation on behalf of KAPF49502, a student whom I have known since Fall 2023. KAPF49502 has taken three of my business classes and I have seen his ability to thrive independently as well as collaboratively in each class.

KAPF49502 is a diligent, hardworking student. He takes every assignment seriously and is always mindful of due dates and project deadlines. He is also unafraid to ask for help or feedback on assignments and will redo assignments to earn a better grade. In my Entrepreneurship class, students were tasked to form a group in which they would work together to create and potentially operate a small business on campus. KAPF49502 quickly got to work helping to facilitate and document all his group’s ideas. As the weeks went on, he worked collaboratively with his group to do a lot of research and prototyping for their business idea. I witnessed him help his group to preserve through “how can we make this work” type of thinking, with a calmness to not panic and give up, and instead problem solve to find a solution. KAPF49502 also listened to his group members ideas with an open mind and was dependable, following through with each task that he was assigned to do.

KAPF49502’s personal characteristics is that his is friendly, polite, and respectful. He is equally comfortable interacting with his peers as well as adults on campus and does not hesitate to lend a helping hand if someone is stuggling with something.

I understand that it is KAPF49502’s goal to become a pilot and that he has already accumulated flight hours in working towards this goal. He is highly motivated and driven to be successful, and I know that he will take full advantage of any opportunity that is presented to him in the future.

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KAPF ID# 49520

Writer Information:
Kurt Johnson
Associate Professor Teacher Education Program
Brigham Young University Hawaii

Recommendation Type:
Educator

06 December 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for KAPF49520, in support of her 2025-2026 Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship application.

KAPF49520 is currently enrolled in my class, EDU 212 Foundations of Education. As an entry-level class for a teacher education major at BYUH, this class covers the basic foundations of education related to law, philosophy, teaching models, and trends. Selected international comparisons are included. Observation in local schools is required.

As a student, KAPF49520 is a delight to have in class. She made special efforts to be involved with the topics discussed during class and has reached out several times for clarification and support. Additionally, she supports her fellow students, taking the initiative to discuss relevant topics and involve others. She diligently completes assignments and proves herself to be a competent pre-service teacher.

I encourage you to consider KAPF49520 for your scholarships. She appears to be on her way to becoming a well-qualified career educator in Hawaii.

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KAPF ID# 49520

Writer Information:
Stephanie Marcum
Adjunct Professor
BYU-Hawaii

Recommendation Type:
Educator

It is my pleasure to recommend KAPF49520, a current student in my college class this semester. She consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, punctuality, and an admirable commitment to excellence. KAPF49520 is always on time or early for class and ensures all deadlines are met promptly, without the need for reminders.

Her kindness and willingness to assist her peers foster a positive classroom environment. She actively contributes to class discussions and engages thoughtfully with questions, enriching everyone's learning experience. KAPF49520’s friendly demeanor and collaborative spirit greatly contribute to class morale.

Academically, KAPF49520 is excelling with an A in my course. I am confident that her attributes will make her a valuable asset in any academic or professional setting.

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KAPF ID# 49572

Writer Information:
Nina Guerrero
Clinical Director
Sounding Joy Music Therapy Inc.

Recommendation Type:
Community

Dear Review Committee:

It is a genuine pleasure to recommend KAPF49572 for admission to your program. I have been fortunate to know KAPF49572 since May 2023. I am the Clinical Director at Sounding Joy Music Therapy, the sole non-profit music therapy organization in Hawai‘i, whose mission is to support the role of music as a rich cultural resource for the healing and empowerment of diverse communities. I served as KAPF49572's mentor and supervisor while he assisted in conducting group music therapy at the Special Education Center of Hawai‘i (SECOH), a community day program for adults with a wide range of disabilities. He also attended my guest lectures in a Creative Arts Therapy course at Brigham Young University-Hawai‘i in March 2024. I was deeply impressed by the quality of his participation in my experiential classes in music therapy group dynamics, as well as his facilitation of group music therapy sessions. He established strong rapport with each client. Responding with immediacy and sensitivity to their unique needs and strengths, as well as their here-and-now presence and activity in each session, he effectively engaged them in collaborative musical interaction.

In addition to demonstrating interdisciplinary academic excellence, KAPF49572 is exceptionally service-oriented and passionate about community engagement and leadership. He embraces and learns from the diverse experiences and perspectives of others. He is committed to promoting mental health, life-long learning, and holistic well-being, especially in underserved communities, using both verbal psychotherapy and expressive arts therapy techniques. His academic and professional undertakings are rooted in deep understanding of the cultural foundations of health and well-being, as reflected in his research projects "Hula as an Effective Means of Therapy in Hawai'i" and "Empowering Pacific Islander Women through Expressive Arts Therapy." As a therapist in training, he is compassionate, culturally responsive, and client-centered, facilitating clients’ self-empowerment. As a student and researcher, his experience and abundant natural talents in psychotherapy, education, and music enable him to excel in interdisciplinary collaboration. As a leader, his capacities for reciprocal dialogue and

mutually respectful conflict resolution enable him to partner with others toward collective positive transformation.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recommend KAPF49572.

Mahalo nui loa,

Maria C. "Nina" Guerrero, PhD, MT-BC

Board-Certified Music Therapist

Clinical Director, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.

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KAPF ID# 49572

Writer Information:
Jerusha Magalei
Assistant Professor
BYU Hawaii

Recommendation Type:
Educator

Aloha,

My name is Dr. Jerusha N. P. Magalei. I am an Assistant Professor at BYU-Hawaii. The applicant, KAPF49572, has asked me for a letter of recommendation. I have known KAPF49572 since 2021. He was a student of mine at BYU Hawaii and was the President of the Hawaii Club where I had the opportunity to work with him as the Club Advisor.

As a student, KAPF49572 produced outstanding work. As a psychology student learning about special education, KAPF49572 always had thoughtful and interesting perspectives on topics and issues in class. His presentations were well researched. Evidence of his capacity to utilize critical thinking skills effectively could be found in his work and reflections. Often, KAPF49572 was a leader in class and small group discussions. His enthusiasm for learning motivated his peers.

As the President of the HawaiKAPF49572 Club for three (3) semesters, KAPF49572 was in charge of activities for a total of approximately 500+ students. His duties required planning activities for student members that involved service opport

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KAPF ID# 49776

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Kristopher Dung Executive Director Never Quit Dreaming	Employer

I am writing to offer my strongest recommendation for KAPF49776 in support of their application for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. I have had the privilege of knowing KAPF49776 for over 10 years. Throughout this time, I have watched KAPF49776 grow into a dedicated, compassionate individual with an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others. I first met KAPF49776 when they joined to volunteer at Never Quit Dreaming (NQD), a non-profit organization I found to provide recreational resources and activities for individuals with special needs. Despite the absence of a large support network, KAPF49776 never hesitated to lend a hand, demonstrating a level of maturity and dedication beyond their years. Even as a high school student, and later as a college student, KAPF49776 continued to volunteer their time with NQD, helping to run activities and programs for our community.

After nearly a decade of service, I was overwhelmed and considered the possibility of closing the organization due to burnout. When I shared my concerns with KAPF49776, I was deeply moved by their response. After a brief pause, KAPF49776 said, "But what about all of Hawaii’s special needs individuals who have never had the opportunities that NQD provides?" This response speaks volumes about KAPF49776's character—someone who consistently places the needs of others above their own.

Furthermore, KAPF49776 has also demonstrated remarkable academic achievements. They were one of the first students to graduate from Kamehameha Schools with both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree from Hawaii Pacific University. Currently, KAPF49776 is pursuing their bachelor’s degree in Psychology and has plans to continue their education by pursuing a Psy.D. degree. I have no doubt that KAPF49776’s academic success will continue, as they are driven, focused, and passionate about their future. They have already set their sights on using their education to serve Hawaii’s youth, particularly those facing mental health challenges, with the goal of providing guidance and support to teenagers in need.

What sets KAPF49776 apart, beyond their academic accomplishments, is their profound sense of responsibility and commitment to giving back to the community that shaped them. It is rare to find

someone with such a deep desire to contribute to the place they call home. KAPF49776 is not just focused on personal success but on using their skills and knowledge to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, particularly in the State of Hawaii. For all these reasons, I am proud to recommend KAPF49776 for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. Their character, dedication, and academic promise make them an ideal candidate for this prestigious award. I am confident that KAPF49776 will continue to excel and serve as an inspiration to others, just as they have done for those of us who have had the privilege of working with them. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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KAPF ID# 49776

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Monica Lum Transition Specialist Kamehameha Schools	Educator

I enthusiastically write this recommendation for KAPF49776, as I have known KAPF49776 since spring 2023. My partnership with them as their Transition Specialist has allowed me to get to know KAPF49776 on a personal level, as our relationship continues to evolve. I've observed their growth from a quiet, reserved high school senior earning their high school and HPU Associate of Arts degree concurrently to an outgoing, self-confident soon-to-be-college graduate this spring who is working to advance their education and pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.

While adjusting to college and its rigors and schedule last year, KAPF49776 was driven to secure a part-time job to aid in covering their college expenses. Managing school and working as a legal assistant required them to approach their life differently, where they refined their time management, discipline, professionalism, and interpersonal skills. They purchased professional clothes, worked either before or after their classes, and was intentional with using their free time towards school, which illustrated great progress since their high school days.

In our in-person, Zoom, and phone meetings, I noticed they engage in dialogue much more and contribute deeper to our conversations, thereby allowing me to learn more about them and how they are navigating college and their well-being. Hearing them speak about their career aspirations of being a clinical psychologist, their desire to advocate and support the teen population who navigate mental disabilities/challenges have been rewarding. Currently KAPF49776 interns at a mental health clinic for teens, where they're able to apply their approachable demeanor and compassion to build trust amongst the community there. Interning at this site has solidified their desire to be a helping professional.

KAPF49776 is a respectful and thoughtful individual. In our interactions, they exhibit a friendly, composed demeanor and a few times when I hosted KSK gatherings on HPU's campus, they have brought small treats to share with me and/or have helped me clean up. They are open to receive help and guidance and has asked more questions related to their progress and aspirations since the start of our partnership.

I am confident KAPF49776 will represent your scholarship with respect and professionalism. They uphold a positive and reliable character, demonstrates the capability of working hard to achieve their goals, and embraces opportunities wholeheartedly to aid their growth.

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KAPF ID# 50108

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Koa Amona Counselor Kamehameha Schools	Educator

KAPF50108 came into my caseload as one of the brightest students I have worked with in my career. Her immense love for learning is something that immediately caught my attention. Not only does she grasp larger concepts in her coursework, but she also excels at understanding the details and processes that bring everything together. Beyond mastering the material, KAPF50108 has demonstrated an impressive ability to articulate what she has learned and teach it to others; a skill that has manifested in various areas of her life.

Since her freshman year, KAPF50108 has been a part of our honors program and has enrolled in honors or AP courses every semester of her high school career. She has consistently sought out the most challenging classes and performed well in all of them.

Her academic journey, however, has been significantly impacted by the onset of serious chronic medical conditions. In her freshman year, KAPF50108 was diagnosed with migraines, and in her junior year, she was diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). Both conditions are chronic and debilitating. Despite these challenges, KAPF50108 has persevered and maintained an impressive cumulative GPA of 3.9. Her strength and grit in the face of physical adversity have been truly remarkable, and I have witnessed her tenacity first hand through our weekly check-ins. In addition to her academic pursuits, KAPF50108 is a talented musician who has played the violin, piano, and guitar and section leader in our Sinfonietta program since her sophomore year.

KAPF50108’s passion for the medical field has driven her to pursue real-world experience in healthcare. She has earned several certifications, including HIPPA, First Aid, CPR, and Bleed Protocol, which have prepared her for her part-time job as a certified medical assistant at a dermatology clinic in Honolulu.

Additionally, KAPF50108 has participated in three research projects at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, focusing on social and behavioral sciences, where she assists in data collection and organization. This past year, she was also selected as an intern for Breast Cancer Hawaii. Her

dedication and leadership skills were recognized when she was asked to serve as the Coordinator for their Youth Advocate Fellowship, where she planned, trained, and managed a group of 10 interns.

In most cases, a student facing these challenges might have been forced to scale back their ambitions KAPF50108 has accepted her circumstances with grace and determination, continuing to pursue her goal of attending medical school. I strongly recommend KAPF50108 for all scholarships she is eligibke for.

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KAPF ID# 50108

Writer Information:
Andrea Acosta
Educational Specialist
Kamehameha Schools Kapalama

Recommendation Type:
Educator

I wholeheartedly recommend KAPF50108 as an outstanding applicant for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarships. Over the past years, I have had the privilege of serving as an advisor for our school's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Chapter, where I have witnessed her remarkable dedication to academic excellence and personal growth. Her regular visits to the Student Support Center have further allowed me to witness her commitment to her educational journey. Her engagement in HOSA has been instrumental in her development as a future healthcare professional. Notably, she co-initiated our high school's HOSA chapter during her sophomore year and has since served as its vice president. Her leadership has been pivotal in fostering a community of like-minded students eager to explore careers in healthcare.

One of KAPF50108’s most meaningful experiences was her work with Breast Cancer Hawaii, where she served as a Youth Advocate Fellowship Coordinator and a Community Outreach Intern. This role was deeply personal for her, as she was inspired by the loss of her grandmother to breast cancer in 2018. Her commitment to improving patient education and awareness is evident in her efforts to develop a Summer Fellowship program, which ran in 2024. This program provided public high school students with the opportunity to learn about healthcare fields, focusing on breast cancer advocacy and patient survivorship. The culmination of this program was a resource fair in the fall of 2024, which she successfully organized and executed, showcasing her ability to lead and educate her peers.

In addition to her advocacy work, KAPF50108 is a sunscreen research author with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and John A. Burns School of Medicine. Her research, which she will present at the University of Hawaii West Oahu next year, involves a thematic and contextual claims analysis on sunscreen marketing and public safety following the 2021 ban of certain sunscreen filters in Hawaii. This work highlights her analytical skills and her commitment to public health.

KAPF50108 has also gained invaluable experience as a Medical Assistant, where she addressed various dermatological conditions and built meaningful relationships with patients. Her work at a private practice serving veterans, active duty, and community members has deepened her empathy and

understanding of the healthcare system. She has been profoundly impacted by the care gaps she witnessed, which has further fueled her desire to support patients and improve their health journeys.

Despite facing her own healthcare challenges, KAPF50108 has demonstrated resilience and perseverance. Her ability to overcome personal obstacles while maintaining her passion and excellence is a testament to her extraordinary character. KAPF50108 is an exceptional student with an incredible future ahead. Her dedication, leadership, and compassion make her an ideal ambassador for the Pauahi Foundation.

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KAPF ID# 50108

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Wayne Fujita Dr. N/A	Employer

KAPF50108 has been working part-time as a Medical Assistant, in my office, since July 15, 2023. While working, she was also attending school full time.

As a Medical Assistant, she has to enter information into the patient’s chart, such as history, medical assessment, prescriptions. She also has to explain the visit summary to the patient.

KAPF50108 learns quickly and stays focused. She works hard and carries herself in a polite, respectable manner. She has a pleasant personality and gets along with the patients and staff.

While working for me, I can see that she is very hard working and passionate about what she does. She will be an excellent candidate in your university and I highly recommend her.

Sincerely,

Wayne H. Fujita, M.D.

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KAPF ID# 50183

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Logan Shiroma Owner/Manager Hooulu Designs LLC	Employer

To whom it may concern,

Through her immense display of hard work, amazing work ethic, and humility, I am honored to recommend KAPF50183 for this scholarship. Having had the privilege of knowing her both in and outside of the office, and witnessing growth both as a team member and as a student since the start of the business in 2022. From her time throughout high school to her ongoing journey through college, she has consistently displayed resilience in her pursuit of education, commitment to family, and contributions to the growth of our community.

As an ‘ike Hawai?i focused small business, finding like-minded individuals committed to community development and preservation of indigenous voices is rare. KAPF50183 has played a critical role in research development, business growth, and has a creative view on ways we can illustrate Hawai?i history. Originally brought on to help with community events, craft fairs, and wholesale management, she has surpassed her initial role and has been an incredible contribution to the creative and business management process. Her leadership and appreciation for others has brought a kind presence while also maintaining a safe space for the business and team to grow. In January 2023 we re-oriented our business and conducted an extensive in-house re-branding effort, where KAPF50183 thrived. She not only participated in the research process but also offered continuous support by managing stationary sales during the summer and end-of-year holiday season.

KAPF50183’s dedication to our creative values has been exemplary. Her unwavering commitment has motivated me, as a business owner, to explore new opportunities and mediums for design. KAPF50183 has been a source of inspiration, teaching me patience and resilience amid change, fostering optimism during times of uncertainty, and serving as a reminder to remain confident throughout the design process.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend KAPF50183 for this scholarship opportunity. Her exceptional qualities, both as a student and as a member of our creative team make her an ideal candidate and deserving of this award. I am confident that she will continue to excel in her academic

pursuits and further continue to perpetuate values that she has gained through her ?ohana, her time at Kamehameha School, and her lahui. I am eager to see her grow, and forever grateful for her impact on my business and me as an individual.

Me ka ha?aha?a,

Logan Kanoelani Shiroma

Owner/Manager of Ho?oulu Designs LLC

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50183

Writer Information:
Karina Trejo Melendez
English Professor
Chapman University

Recommendation Type:
Educator

Dear Pauahi Foundation,

It is rare to have a student who leaves a lasting impression with their willingness to learn and grow. I have had the greatest pleasure and honor of having KAPF50183 in my English 206 Critical Literacies and Community Writing course. KAPF50183 is in a constant state of becoming the best version of herself, always adapting, asking for feedback, and looking for ways to improve. From the very first interaction I had with KAPF50183, I understood immediately that she is someone who lives her life with drive and passion. KAPF50183 is an exceptionally skilled writer, speaker, and thinker. Every assignment she completed in my class went above and beyond and was about advocating and serving her Native Hawaiian community. She cares deeply about others and making a positive impact in her community through her work. She has honed in a keen awareness and sensitivity to language and the art of communicating effectively—making her a perfect candidate for this scholarship. I believe that this is what makes her such an excellent student and future speech pathologist. She has the diligence and work ethic to succeed in a rigorous academic program and the heart and communication skills to connect with her future patients. In class discussions, she always added value by using her lived experiences to exemplify perspective-taking and led student discourse with an open mind. As a student and a person, KAPF50183 always aspires to test her limits and expand her horizons. She challenges herself to step out of her comfort zone and welcomes the uncomfortable in order to grow. If there is something she doesn’t know, she will not hesitate to dive in and explore the topic until she has mastered it. She genuinely cares about the quality of her work and will not accept anything but her best. She applies feedback while staying authentic to herself and stands up for what she believes in. It is with admiration and respect that I highly recommend KAPF50183 for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship.

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KAPF ID# 50226

Writer Information:
Hyoseol Ha
Assistant Professor of English
Creighton University

Recommendation Type:
Educator

I would like to begin my recommendation letter for KAPF50226 by stating this: KAPF50226 is one of the most gifted and thoughtful students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. I have known KAPF50226 since August, 2024, when they enrolled in my Literature and Medicine course, where students are prompted to engage with various literary and cultural texts revolving around health disparity and social justice. From the beginning, KAPF50226 showed great enthusiasm for the course's core concepts, always being conscious and thoughtful about culturally sensitive issues. KAPF50226 was always ready with thought-provoking comments and humanistic opinions, which made them stand out in a classroom comprised of brilliant, motivated STEM and pre-med students. KAPF50226 was a generous group member who contributed all their resources for group work, and a kind, understanding classmate who helped other classmates in need.

KAPF50226 has many strengths, one of which is their consistent dedication to their study. KAPF50226's engagement with the readings and assignments was serious, insightful, and thoughtful. KAPF50226 also dropped into my office to further discuss class materials and latterly their plans for their career plans in computer science. What impressed me the most as an instructor was their intellectual and personal maturity that distinguished them from the other students. Such strengths were obvious in their in-class writing pieces, which I collected frequently throughout the semester. KAPF50226's journal clearly demonstrated that they successfully mastered the course's learning objective and exceeded in their academic performance. Knowing their commitment, passion, and diligence, I was not surprised to see such writing entries.

I would like to see KAPF50226 farther along into the field of computer science, as they are eager and ready to take steps that will prepare them for their bright future. The Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship will be an invaluable addition to the motivation KAPF50226 already provides themselves for success. Based on my own experience with KAPF50226, I will assure anyone that KAPF50226 will be an outstanding recipient whom the funding body can take pride in. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions concerning KAPF50226's application, or their promise as a student in

computer science. I look forward, with hope and anticipation, to hearing good news about their application.

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KAPF ID# 50226

Writer Information:
Sherri Weitl-Harms
Associate Professor
Creighton university

Recommendation Type:
Educator

December 14, 2024

Dear Pauahi Foundation Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to strongly recommend KAPF50226 to receive a Pauahi Foundation Scholarship for 2025. I have known Jacob for the past year, as he is a computer science (CS) student at Creighton University (CU), where I served as an Associate Professor of the CS. KAPF50226 is a sophomore student, with a cumulative 3.93 GPA, and plans to graduate in spring 2027. KAPF50226 was a student in three of my courses, CSC121 Computers and Scientific Thinking, CSC 222 Object-Oriented Programming (OOP), and CSC321 Data Structures. I recently asked KAPF50226 to start undergraduate research with me, with funding from Creighton University.

Even though KAPF50226 is only a sophomore, he has already earned a numerous honors. He worked as an intern in high school for the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering. He has a wealth of leadership experiences as well, such as by serving as the Intern for the Vice President of Membership for Alpha Phi Omega-Kappa Chi National Service Fraternity, and as the Treasure for the Creighton University Swim Club. KAPF50226 is kind, ethical, and has a bright future. He has outstanding software development/problem-solving abilities for a sophomore CS student. KAPF50226 is proficient with programming in Python (one course), and Java (two course). In the OOP course that I taught KAPF50226, he stood out as a student who was dedicated and hardworking, with an inquisitive mind. He completed his work on time, and his solutions were creative and well thought out. This past semester, his pattern of quality work continued in the Data Structures course. KAPF50226’s strong performance in my classes lead me to ask him to conduct research with me. Our research is in the area of human-centered design (HCD), and focuses on using LLMs to evaluate the sentiment in qualitative user product reviews in a variety of ways, leading initially to the creation of marketing materials as well as ideas for product improvements.

I strongly recommend KAPF50226 for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship.

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KAPF ID# 50343

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Monica Lum Transition Specialist Kamehameha Schools	Educator

KAPF50343 has a calm, steady demeanor, so much so that in our interactions, I'll need to probe a bit to learn what concerns they may have and their feelings behind it, if any. If there are concerns, they communicate it in a diplomatic and thoughtful manner, not playing the victim role. They present themself in a very respectful and professional manner, task and goal oriented and driven. I view their ability to be level-headed as a strength as they have a solid work ethic, prioritizing their academics, and involving themself in experiences that align with their personal and career interests. Having that planful, future forward mindset, they earned their Associate of Arts degree from HPU and high school degree concurrently and plans to advance their education by pursuing an MBA next fall at HPU, after graduating this spring with their undergraduate degree. In addition to their desire to earn their Business degrees, KAPF50343 is also determined to have a career as a firefighter. To prepare for that, they graduated from the Ho?omau Fire Academy last spring, and they took the initiative to engage in interview practice with the fire captains, which helped them pass the interview process of the application. KAPF50343 has also taken upon themself to apply for Business internships to strengthen their experiences and readiness to enter the professional workforce. Though they are currently waitlisted for the fire academy, they have involved themself in the HFD Explorers Program since August 2024. And even though they have been overlooked for the internships they applied for, KAPF50343 continues to exhibit their adaptability and perseverance by continuing to apply to new internship postings that will help them, which is admirable. To add onto their list of responsibilities and involvement they are taking on, they are also working part-time at Paradise Cove as a lights and sound technician for their lu?au shows, since June 2023.

To maintain all of their involvement and academics, KAPF50343 relies on their strong time management abilities. During our in-person and phone conversations, where I'm able to check in on their progress and well-being, KAPF50343 is aware of what is required of their classes and maps out when to work on assignments in a timely manner. Balancing their in-person 16-week term and online 8-week accelerated HPU classes, their fire training, applying to internships and college scholarships, and working part-time, I appreciate how composed they are, as it can be somewhat overwhelming to

others on assuming the load they have. This reflects KAPF50343's mature ability to organize their priorities and time remarkably well.

I am very confident KAPF50343 will represent your scholarship with respect and professionalism. They uphold a positive and reliable character, demonstrates the capability of working hard to achieve their goals, and embraces opportunities wholeheartedly to aid their growth.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50343

Writer Information:
Leslie Blood
Professor
Hawaii Pacific University

Recommendation Type:
Educator

November 7, 2024

Dear Pauahi Foundation Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to recommend KAPF50343 enthusiastically for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. I have had the pleasure of instructing KAPF50343 for two years. His academic excellence, strong work ethic, and unwavering dedication to his goals have impressed me.

KAPF50343 is an exceptional student who has consistently demonstrated a remarkable ability to excel in his academic pursuits. His prestigious Delta Mu Delta Academic Honor Society membership is a testament to his outstanding academic achievements. KAPF50343 possesses a keen intellect, a thirst for knowledge, and a strong work ethic that enables him to perform consistently at the highest level.

Beyond his academic accomplishments, KAPF50343 is an adaptable and persevering individual. He approaches challenges with a positive attitude and a determination to find solutions. KAPF50343 is unafraid to step outside his comfort zone and embrace new opportunities. His strong work ethic and dedication to his goals are evident in his pursuit of his bachelor’s degree and accomplishing that goal at the young age of 20, with plans to pursue an M.B.A. by the time he turns 21.

I am confident that KAPF50343 will continue excelling in his academic endeavors and significantly contribute to his community. I wholeheartedly endorse KAPF50343’s application for the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship and believe he is an excellent candidate for this prestigious award.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50485

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Brian Wissman Professor of Mathematics University of Hawaii at Hilo	Educator

Aloha,

It is a pleasure to offer KAPF50485 my strong recommendation for a Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship.

I have known KAPF50485 for about four months as a student in my Calculus I class at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where I am currently Professor of Mathematics. At UH Hilo, KAPF50485 is finishing their first semester at UH Hilo working toward a degree in Environmental Science. As our classes are generally on the smaller side, this class having 22 students, I’m able to get to know students and their academic potential. This semester it has been great having KAPF50485 in my class. KAPF50485 regularly attends class, visits my student hours with questions, and hasn’t missed any course work all semester. In general calculus is a class that students, especially first year students like KAPF50485, find challenging because it continuously builds upon itself from the start to finish. What encourages me about KAPF50485’s performance this semester is that their knowledge check (exam) scores have been stronger each time even though the difficulty has increased considerably. While KAPF50485 still needs to take the final exam for the course, I expect KAPF50485 to earn a final mark of A or A- this semester and will be prepared to be equally successful in their future mathematics classes.

Overall, KAPF50485 is a strong student and a pleasure to have in my class this semester. Supporting KAPF50485’s education with a Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship is a worthy investment by the foundation in KAPF50485’s future. It is for these reasons, I offer my strong recommendation without reservation.

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KAPF ID# 50485

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Victoria Kamaka Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools	Educator

Aloha,

With great enthusiasm, I write this recommendation letter for KAPF50485. Over the past three years, I’ve had the privilege of knowing KAPF50485—first as a student in the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Class of 2024, and more recently through our meaningful check-ins and conversations. Last year, KAPF50485 made a last-minute decision to change colleges due to financial reasons, which allowed me to understand his character better and support him through his first semester in college.

Currently excelling at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, KAPF50485 has embraced college life with the same drive and curiosity that defined him during high school. His success in Calculus I, Geology, Hawaiian Studies, and Chemistry highlights his academic versatility and commitment to his aspirations. His focus on forestry and Hawaiian culture reflects his deep connection to the ‘aina and a clear vision for his future.

When I think of KAPF50485, three words come to mind: compassionate, resilient, and humble. These qualities define him and shine through in everything he does. Beyond academics, he continues to stay active and grounded by going to the gym and dancing hula—activities that reflect his balance of physical, cultural, and personal growth.

KAPF50485’s desire to work for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reflects his unwavering commitment to preserving our ?aina. I am confident that his passion for environmental conservation, combined with his strong work ethic and cultural grounding, will make him an invaluable asset to any organization dedicated to sustainability.

It has been a genuine privilege to guide and support KAPF50485 on his journey. I wholeheartedly recommend him for the Pauahi Scholarship, as he embodies the values, skills, and vision to excel in his chosen field and make a lasting impact on his community.

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KAPF ID# 50485

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Kupaa Hee Head Coach Boys Cross Country Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

Aloha,

I am writing to offer my wholehearted recommendation for KAPF50485 as a deserving recipient of your scholarship. As KAPF50485’s cross country and track coach during his time at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, I have had the privilege of watching KAPF50485 grow into a young leader of exceptional character, talent, and commitment to his community. Without question, he is a young kanaka worth investing in.

KAPF50485 has consistently demonstrated qualities that set him apart: leadership, resilience, and an unwavering dedication to serving others. Early on KAPF50485 experienced success as a track athlete, which drove him to dedicate himself to the sport of running. His focus and determination served as a source of inspiration to those around him. His actions reflect not only a deep sense of kuleana but also a desire to uplift and contribute meaningfully to the community he finds himself in.

What is most impressive about KAPF50485 is his ability to balance the demands of academics, athletics, and personal growth with grace and determination. He leads by example, consistently prioritizing hard work, integrity, and humility—values that he instilled in his teammates around him and values that will carry him far in his future endeavors. Beyond his individual achievements, KAPF50485 has always remained focused on the greater good of his Wahiawa community by actively seeking out malama aina opportunities in the North Oahu area, embodying the qualities of a servant leader who seeks to make a lasting impact.

Based on my experiences with KAPF50485, I can say with confidence that he will be a valuable asset to any program or institution fortunate enough to support him. With your continued financial assistance, I am certain KAPF50485 will excel in his educational journey and continue to represent the Hawaiian community with distinction.

Thank you for considering this outstanding young leader.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50606

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Tyrone Lacaden HR Service Center Specialist The Queen's Health System	Community

November 29, 2024

To whom this may concern,

It is my absolute pleasure to endorse KAP50606 for the 2025-2026 Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship.

My name is Tyrone Lacaden, a Human Resource Service Center Specialist at the Queen’s Medical Center, and I have had the privilege of working with KAP50606, who was a volunteer during the summer of 2024 at our facility. KAP50606 had the greatest enthusiasm for knowledge in health care administration. Although the work we had KAP50606 take on was the tedious and mundane task, of filing, scanning, sorting and labeling documents into an electronic drive, KAP50606 completed the task with close care and accuracy. KAP50606’s desire to learn and experience what it takes to be a Health Care Admin Professional, where as long as the area of work will immerse KAP50606 in the environment of other health care admin professionals, has empowered KAP5006 to take on any task given.

I have observed KAP50606 with individual work with and without supervision, and has showcased respectable integrity through the results of completed tasks with little to no mistakes. KAP50606 has asked many clarifying questions in the process of completing the task to ensure careful consideration of the work that needs to be done, and has also demonstrated time-management, people skills, organization, and effective communication.

KAP50606’s work habit, attitude and aptitude has been exceptional. I highly recommend that KAP5066 be given favor and the opportunity to excel.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Lacaden

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50606

Writer Information:
Andrea Chun
Mgr HR Service Center
The Queen's Health Systems

Recommendation Type:
Community

KAPF50606 was very pleasant and helpful to us in the time she was here. While only a few months, I enjoyed working with her. She was reliable, asked questions when needed, but also was able to work independently while she was here. She took direction well and had a pleasant attitude with everyone she encountered. I also appreciated getting to know her background more, and really apprecaited her eagerness to learn more about HR. She joined some of our team meetings when appropriate to gain a better understanding of some of the HR functions we deal with on the daily, only to enhance her learning of HR. I felt that she took the work seriously, was forward thinking, and a go-getter with our team. I see her as someone who is determined to improve her education and experience to excel in her career. She was thoughtful and helpful throughout her time here and I would love to have her back again.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50606

Writer Information:
Betty Burston
Associate Professor
University of NevadaLas Vegas

Recommendation Type:
Educator

To Whom It May Concern:

I am absolutely delighted to recommend KAPF50606 for any program she wishes to apply for. In Fall 2021, KAPF50606 was enrolled in my 175-1003 The US Health Care System course for which she earned an A. She also took my 480-1001 Organization and Management of Long-Term Care Services course in Spring of 2024 and earned an A-. She is also one of the most intelligent students I have ever had the pleasure to teach (3.88 GPA). Based upon more than 30 years of teaching experience, I can truly say that KAPF50606 competency, skills, and multiple intelligences place her within the ranks of a gifted student rather than a merely bright one. As you are aware, the extensive research that has been completed that compares and contrasts bright versus gifted students shows that gifted students not only answer questions, they also ask penetrating questions and oftentimes challenge the conclusion drawn by the instructor. Gifted students not only acquire knowledge, they process, dissect, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate. All of these characteristics are embodied in KAPF50606.

KAPF50606 is scheduled to graduate from UNLV with a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration and Policy. She has served as a Volunteer at Queens Medical Center in Hawai’i and is a present member of the Healthcare Administration Student Association here at UNLV.

If provided the scholarship, KAPF50606 will be a magnificent asset. I recommend her without reservation for any program.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50739

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Koa Amona Counselor Kamehameha Schools	Educator

KAPF50739 is a student who initially came across as soft-spoken with a reserved personality. This is who she was when she first joined us in 9th grade, feeling a little lost after leaving her neighborhood school and friends. Her personal transition to Kamehameha took a couple of years for her to become a part of the school community. During her first two years in high school, KAPF50739 shared that she struggled academically and socially to adjust to our school. Her diagnosed anxiety was more prevalent during this time, which impacted her grades. However, by the end of her sophomore year, she began to find her footing, resulting in a significant improvement in her academic performance.

As a student, KAPF50739 loves the problem-solving process, is passionate about learning, and is willing to put in the necessary time and effort to produce quality results. She was accepted into our Dual Credit cohort in 10th grade and will complete her Associate’s degree in General Studies alongside her high school diploma in May.. In the classroom, KAPF50739 is recognized as a great student who works well both in groups and independently. For more than 10 years, KAPF50739 has been a dedicated member of a community gymnastics club. As a long-time gymnast, she has taken on a mentorship role, teaching and guiding young children as they begin their gymnastics journeys. She has built strong relationships with these young students and enjoys giving back to her community in this way. In her junior year, KAPF50739 auditioned and was selected to join the Kamehameha Dance Company, which performs large-scale concerts, public performances, and competes in dance competitions. The program demands a high level of commitment and performance from its members, and KAPF50739 continues to be a valuable member of the team this year.KAPF50739 has shared that she has a strong desire to have a career that involves problem solving and directly helping people. She spent over a year researching college programs and careers that would allow her to do this. Her search has led her to Criminal Justice and Criminal Psychology. She is particularly interested in becoming a criminal psychologist. This past summer, she applied for and was accepted into the FBI Student Academy. The program provided her with the opportunity to meet FBI agents, attend the training center, and explore various career paths within the agency.

It has been remarkable to watch KAPF50739 come into her own over the past year. She has found her voice through her writing, in the classroom and gained newfound confidence through her involvement in dance and theater. These opportunities have allowed her to demonstrate her dedication, focus, and advocacy—qualities that have always been there but needed the right environment to fully develop. I believe KAPF50739 is well-prepared for her next steps after high school, and I strongly recommend her for admission to your program and/or scholarship.

Mahalo for your consideration

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KAPF ID# 50739

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Lea Arce-Enoka Teacher Science High School and Club Advisor Kamehameha School Kaplama	Community

I have known KAPF50739 for four years due to her participation to the Kamehameha School’s Students Give Back Club, which I advise. The Students Give Back club is a community service club that participates in various volunteer activities while challenging students to be servant leaders and promoting environmental actions and awareness. In the four years in the club, KAPF50739 has volunteered in various community service projects. Her most notable contribution in the club was in her freshman year, where she collected a significant amount of monetary donations to Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer. She also had her family join our breast cancer walk on campus to honor Pink for Pauahi. She has also participated in lo?i work, beach clean-ups, planting in KS plant nursery, and helped with distributing turkeys to Native Hawaiian families at the Kapolei Homestead while in the club.

Aside from her passion of volunteerism, KAPF50739 is also part of the Kamehameha Dance Company and Keaka Kamehameha. Her passion for performing was ignited in her Junior year. She is also the Vice President of the ASL club and balances her studies with a part-time job at Target where she picks and packs on-line orders and maintain inventory.

Furthermore, she is a savvy to become a criminologist. She has completed and earned a certificate to the Honolulu FBI Teen Academy program. Her vision is to “explore restorative justice practices that prioritize healing over punishment and believe in the power of community dialogue to mend relationships and reduce recidivism.” It is her hope that she brings a positive change that promotes safety, justice, and healing especially to the Native Hawaiian community who have a high rate of incarceration. She plans to earn her degree in Chaminade University in criminology and on track since she will receive her associate of arts degree with her high school diploma upon graduation at KS later this year.

I am thrilled that KAPF50739 has seen her potential and continues to strive to find ways to help her lahui. Please consider KAPF50739 for this scholarship to help her future endeavors and to continue her college education.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50889

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Benjamin Larson Mission President Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Community

I am pleased to recommend KAPF50889. I had the privilege of serving as her mission president for 14 months while she served as a full-time missionary for her church. In that time, I observed her character, resilience, leadership, and dedication, and I believe she is an outstanding candidate for this scholarship.

KAPF50889 faced significant challenges during her mission, including a knee injury and the emotional demands of full-time service. Despite these obstacles, she demonstrated remarkable resilience and an unwavering commitment to her responsibilities. She always approached difficulties with a positive, can-do attitude and viewed each challenge as an opportunity to grow.

As a missionary leader, KAPF50889 was entrusted with mission-wide leadership roles, including organizing and leading complex training sessions. Though initially overwhelmed, she quickly adapted, managing the pressure with grace and learning her responsibilities with humility. Her leadership was defined not only by organizational skill but by a deep empathy that made her a compassionate mentor to other missionaries. She genuinely cared about those she served and provided thoughtful guidance and support.

Her ability to persevere and lead was shaped by her experiences in high school sports. She developed the discipline, resilience, and work ethic that served her well during her mission. Even in difficult circumstances, she consistently gave her best effort, inspiring others with her determination to overcome adversity.

Perhaps most impressive is her deep desire to serve others. She chose to set aside her personal ambitions to serve a volunteer mission for 18 months. She paid her own way to leave the comfort of home and bless the lives of others. I personally witnessed how her kindness, love, and willingness to lift others made a lasting, positive impact on the communities she served. Whether working with fellow missionaries, teaching new friends, or supporting church members, she truly made a difference.

She also possesses a natural enthusiasm and a strong desire to learn. Her intellectual curiosity, combined with her ability to approach new challenges with positivity, has allowed her to thrive in every environment. She is not only a capable student and leader but also an inspiration to those around her.

During my time as mission president, I worked with over 400 missionaries, and she stands out as one of the finest. Her resilience, selflessness, integrity, and dedication to others make her an ideal candidate for this scholarship. I am confident she will continue to excel and make a positive impact in whatever she pursues.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 50889

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Tiffanie Uyehara Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools	Educator

Aloha mai,

It is a pleasure to write this counselor statement for KAPF50889. I worked with KAPF50889 in my capacity as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama High School. I met KAPF50889 during her junior year through our regular guidance classes and individual meetings. I immediately found KAPF50889 to be Resilient, Determined, and Humorous.

KAPF50889 is ground in her faith and family that provides her with an exceptional foundation which allows her to thrive in academics, sports, and church. Not only was she an exceptional student, she exceled in Volleyball and participated in Basketball. KAPF50889 was able to balance a rigorous schedule and maintain her grades while winning the Girls Volleyball State championships. KAPF50889 sought out help from her Teachers and Staff when overwhelmed. KAPF50889 participated in the Young Women’s Leader for the Church Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, APYW representative for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Kamehameha Schools Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, and Kamehameha Girls D1-AA Basketball team. Despite her busy schedule KAPF50889 volunteered as a Volleyball Coach during clinics for elementary-aged girls.

KAPF50889is her is grounded in her Togan and Native Hawaiian culture, she enjoys dancing and speaking in her Native languages. She is grounded in culture, faith, and academics. KAPF50889 holds herself to a higher standard, grounded in her faith and family. She is constantly pushing herself and trying to create the best version of herself by embracing challenges and finding new ways to solve problems, which is evident in her personal growth while on her mission. It has been an honor and privilege to watch her grow over the last two years. Her experiences have broaden her mindset and pushed her to develop her independence, while strengthening her connect to her faith.

KAPF50889 has my enthusiastic recommendation. She is one of the most hardworking students, I have had the privilege to work with. She is simple incredible. She carries herself with aloha and pose for everyone and everything. I am confident that she will bring that same aloha, determination, and grit to her college classes and campus.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51199

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Tim Guthrie Professor Creighton University	Educator

I’d like to begin by stating clearly and without hesitation that I fully support KAPF51199 without any reservations whatsoever.

KAPF51199 has been in many of my classes, and excelled in all of them. Not only has she been active in the classroom, she is double majoring in both of our tracks and pursing minors in Computer Science and in Film Studies. She is even an executive member for the Creighton Pep Band and covers public relations for them.

Most recently, she contributed significantly to the 48 Hour Film Festival project, “Ms.Trust.” I was on set multiple times, as well as during the critical upload time, and she was mature, and focused.

I also hired her as an undergraduate research assistant for a book project I am starting during my upcoming sabbatical, because she is hardworking, smart and talented and will be able to contribute good work to the project.

In short, she is determined, focused, and someone the program has been able to count on. I am confident you will discover the same thing. She has certainly been one of our star students and a high achiever.

If you have any questions for me, whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note I will be on sabbatical in the Spring, so I might be a bit more tricky to communicate with at that time, but I will respond when messages get to me.

Cordially,

Prof. Tim Guthrie

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51199

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Gary Grossman Instructor Loyola Marymount University Graduate School	Educator

It is my absolute honor to write this letter of recommendation to the 2025-2026 Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship on behalf of KAPF51199. The candidate is an accomplished and highly impressive student of mine at Loyola Marymount University’s Graduate School of Film and Television.

During this semester, KAPF51199 emerged as a dynamic screenwriter and director with a unique voice, demonstrating a commitment to collaborating with peers, the desire to create meaningful and relevant stories, and the ability to produce exceptional work.

In my screenwriting/production class, KAPF51199 stood out both academically and creatively, writing and directing a thoughtful and impactful short film titled “Wait for You” and working on other student films in various production capacities. With each job, each challenge, and each creative decision, it was clear to me and all classmates, that the candidate has what it takes. That’s heart, ability, scholarship, and the desire to learn more.

As a multiple Emmy Award winning television producer, bestselling novelist, former print and broadcast journalist, documentarian, as well as a college teacher, I’ve worked with, and nurtured, emerging talent for decades. I can honestly report that applicant KAPF51199 proved to be a stellar talent, tops in my estimation, who will surely grow more within LMU’s Graduate School of Film and Television program, and upon graduation, be ready to launch an exciting career.

That said, I certainly hope that the committee reviewing the 2025-2026 Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship awards will give candidate KAPF51199 deserved attention and assistance. You’ll be as proud as I am.

Should you need, I’ll be happy to provide more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Gary Grossman

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51656

Writer Information:
Lauren Sassoubre
Associate Professor and Chair of Engineering
University of San Francisco

Recommendation Type:
Educator

Dear Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship Selection Committee,

I strongly support KAPF51656's Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship application. KAPF51656 is a first-year student at University of San Francisco, majoring in engineering. This was KAPF51656’s first semester at USF so I have only known him for one semester, but he already stands out as an exceptional student.

KAPF51656 is motivated, hardworking and smart. He is the type of student ever professor wants in class. He is taking two classes from me during Fall 2024, CHEM 150: Chemistry for Engineers and ENGR 100: Becoming an engineer. He attends every class and raises his hand to answer questions that I ask the class or ask questions when he is confused. He also attends office hours where he asks questions to make sure he knows the material and always takes the time to help other students work through problems. He is one of the top students in both of the classes. With his work ethic and intellect, I am sure he will successfully complete college and go on to be an excellent engineer.

KAPF51656 always has a positive attitude and works well on teams. When assigned a group project in ENGR 100, he seemed nervous but approached the experience with a positive attitude. I observed him generate ideas with his group, contributing his own ideas and listening to others. The monthly engineering department design challenges are optional, but he always attends them and goes all in. He wants to do his best and pushes those around him to do their best too. His positive attitude, competitiveness and desire to learn fuel his own and his team’s creativity and productivity.

Not only is he hardworking and respectful, but he is also funny. He gets along with everyone, and shows everyone respect. He is an important member of his first-year cohort and an asset to the engineering program and the University. I have no doubt he will make the most of college opportunities and will excel. I hope you will strongly consider him for a scholarship. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51656

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Gina Karas Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for KAPF51656. I previously with KAPF51656 as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School, and have worked as a school counselor for more than 10 years.

I have known KAPF51656 for over two years; our students typically switch to new counselors when they enter the 11th grade at Kamehameha. KAPF51656 is a self-starter who seeks out opportunities to challenge and improve himself. KAPF51656 approached me at the end of his junior year with a request to help him find an internship during the summer in the engineering field. This demonstrated his proactiveness, initiative, and his commitment to gaining real-world experience. He was subsequently selected for an internship with a local engineering firm. His greatest takeaway from this experience was developing an understanding that engineering allows creativity in problem-solving and that engineers often find themselves employing trial and error to find the best response, something that greatly appeals to KAPF51656’s sense of creativity and adventure.

What sets KAPF51656 apart is his unwavering commitment to being a high achiever. He has consistently shown a desire to push his boundaries and exceed his expectations. Whether it's in the classroom or on the soccer field, KAPF51656 consistently strives for excellence and continuously sets high standards for himself. KAPF51656 possesses a thirst for adventure that extends beyond physical experiences. While he enjoys physical challenges and adventures, he also has a deep passion for intellectual exploration. It's not uncommon to find KAPF51656 engaging in independent research projects, delving into topics that pique his curiosity. He has a natural drive for self-improvement, which he satisfies by constantly seeking new knowledge and pursuing a deeper understanding of the world around him.

College has given KAPF51656 the opportunity to take his natural curiosity and explore various concepts in engineering. He is especially enthusiastic about 3D-printing and having the ability to imagine a concept and easily bring it to life. At the University of San Francisco, the engineering department collaboratively works together on projects throughout the year, with underclassmen and

upperclassmen working side-by-side. Through these experiences, KAPF51656 has been able to develop his teamwork and problem-solving skills, and has learned to embrace out-of-the-box thinking.

KAPF51656 is thoroughly enjoying his college experience and is relishing the opportunity to network, embrace new experiences, and simply explore. But this experience has also shown him how important it is for him to return to Hawai?i and use his skills to benefit our community. Your financial support will help to make that happen. Please contact me at gikaras@ksbe.edu if you require additional information to support KAPF51656's application.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51656

Writer Information:
Renee Brunelle Hubert
Assistant Term Professor
University of San Francisco

Recommendation Type:
Educator

KAPF51656 was a student in my Calculus 1 (MATH 109) class at the University of San Francisco from August through December 2024. The class met twice per week and had twenty-eight students enrolled. KAPF51656 is exceptionally bright, is a fast learner, is polite, personable, and respectful, and was one of the top students in my class.

There were many opportunities in my calculus class to work independently (homework, quizzes, tests) and in groups (classwork, projects). KAPF51656 excelled in both environments. While other students are sometimes hesitant to speak up in class and during group work, KAPF51656 volunteered answers to questions and was frequently heard participating in group activities. I give students the option to complete take-home projects either independently or in groups, and KAPF51656's group of three students consistently earned 100% on all projects, with not only accurate mathematical content, but also excellent write-ups that clearly explained the process of solving the problem.

KAPF51656 earned near-perfect scores on all assignments and tests, consistently attended and participated in class, and would seek assistance at USF's Math Help Sessions when needed. He earned a grade of A on a challenging cumulative final exam, and though I have not yet completed grading all students’ exams, I am quite sure that KAPF51656’s score will be at the top of his class. KAPF51656 truly is a model student and was a pleasure to have in class. I am confident that the remainder of his educational experience will be successful.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51684

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Heather Ross Head Softball Coach Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Community

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of watching KAPF51684 grow the past three and a half years during her undergraduate studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She is someone other coaches and staff member talk about; a once and a lifetime type of person you come across in your program.

Since her time on WPI campus, I have seen her make an impact in different social groups or amongst staff members; KAPF51684 is simply someone everyone knows. It is the genuine nature of relationships and connection she instills with others and reference point back to her roots in the Kamehameha Schools. KAPF51684 has always been one of high character, exceptional work ethic, high campus involvement and of external confidence, but it has been the growth on internal confidence and staying true to who she is throughout that has been rewarding to see. Over her three years she has grown to understand her innate ability to lead and the sometimes pressures or repercussions that come with being a leader, and view this quality as an avenue of influence, to initiate change, and impact others, rather than a burden perhaps she felt early in her career. This growth of self-ownership, internal confidence, and acceptance has distinguished KAPF51684 during her junior year of college well beyond that of her peers.

Many of our deep conversations about classes she's taking or reflective moments on her experiences in Massachusetts compared to Hawaii, always is tied back to her Native Hawaiin Culture and true passion for wanting to make a difference on the island post-graduation. I could argue she is proof of the legacies passed on in the Kamehameha Schools; generational lessons lived by Princess Pauahi and then learned by those students like KAPF51684 who I believe was chosen to honor and serve with pride such a profound legacy. A legacy of kindness, generosity, and love for her people, which is what KAPF51684 has begun leaving on the WPI campus. In just her freshman year (now 2 years ago) she was honored with the most prestigious award, The Freshman of the Year. This award recognizes the most outstanding Freshman in the entire class of over 1,000 students who has established themselves well beyond their peers as a leader and the impact on the greater WPI community.

A calm presence yet delivers unwavering passion, and an emotionally intuitive yet rationale perspective whose presence uplifts those around her simply by being-- the WPI Community is better because she is here. Her influence is not of verbal control or dominance, but her innate ability to exist with intention and purpose. I am excited for what is to come for KAPF51684 in her final 2 years at WPI and to see the continuous growth and ownership of leadership and impact on others. She is the type of person that is not just a part of your program-- she IS the program.

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KAPF ID# 51684

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Michele Femc-Bagwell Professor /IQP Advisor Worcester Polytehnic Institute	Educator

December 13, 2024

It is pleasure for me to write this letter on behalf of KAPF51684 for the 2025-2026 Pauahi Foundation College Scholarship.

As one of her professors and advisors at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, I have had the opportunity to facilitate her learning over the last four months in preparation for the required Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) that she just completed in Cape Town, South Africa. The IQP is an intensive project whereby students are “challenged to address a problem that lies at the intersection of science or technology with society.”

During her eight weeks in Cape Town KAPF51684 and her team worked with a local homeless service organization to design a mentorship program to support their clients’ success in the workplace. What has impressed me the most about KAPF51684 was her dedication to this project and the openness in which she embraced the opportunity to learn from the experience. In addition to completing a quality research project she also spent time weekly volunteering at a soup kitchen building relationships of trust and respect with members of the community. In her final reflection about her project experience in Cape Town KAPF51684 wrote: "Professionally speaking, coming here and doing our project has taught me a lot about how who I am as a person drives the work that I do. When I envision my future career, I see myself putting relationships with the people who surround me at the forefront of it. People have always told me or echoed that relationships are the foundation of who I am, but I never really saw it until we came here. Knowing this, I am confident that I’ll cultivate or perpetuate a caring culture wherever my career takes me."

KAPF51684 has many outstanding attributes both as a scholar and a Varsity athlete. She is a leader who is respected by her peers for her passion and integrity. More importantly, she exudes a genuine care for everyone she meets.

KAPF51684 has shared with me the legacy of Princess Pauahi's investment in education and its impact on her life. It truly is the greatest gift that one can bestow and one that lasts a lifetime.

Thank you for your consideration of KAPF51684 as a recipient of the Pauahi Foundation Scholarship. I know that Princess Pauahi would be proud of her many accomplishments, and her bright future as a Civil Engineer. KAPF51684 will undoubtedly make a significant difference in anything that she pursues.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51687

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Gina Karas Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for KAPF51687. I previously worked with KAPF51687 as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School, and have worked as a school counselor for more than 10 years.

I have known KAPF51687 for over two years; our students typically switch to new counselors when they enter the 11th grade at Kamehameha. As a student here, KAPF51687 was curious, hard-working, and a natural problem-solver, qualities which she was able to use in school, at work, and in everyday life. At her part-time job in the food service industry, KAPF51687 occasionally found herself having to interact with unhappy customers, and her problem-solving skills helped her to defuse and resolve situations with professionalism. She’ll soon be joining Hawaiian Airlines in a new part-time position, and I am confident her outstanding people skills will go a long way toward providing excellent customer service to their passengers.

One of the most notable qualities about KAPF51687 is her never-give-up attitude. She does not back down when faced with obstacles or new experiences. Instead, she pushes through with unwavering determination, always striving to find the positive in any situation. This exceptional quality, along with her resilience, has served her well as she worked diligently to earn her Associate of Arts degree from Hawai?i Pacific University simultaneously with her high school diploma. When she entered college, Ke?ala had every intention of pursuing a career in law enforcement, perhaps with the FBI. But since beginning college she has had a change of heart and instead, she has taken her acumen for problem-solving along with her desire to help others and is now pursuing a career as an anesthesiologist. She has switched her major to Biology and plans to go to medical school, and I couldn’t be more excited for her.

KAPF51687 firmly believes that "failure is just an option for us to improve," a motto that speaks volumes about her attitude toward personal growth and self-improvement. She is a quick learner who knows how to advocate for herself and demonstrates a rare ability to reflect on her experiences and learn from them. While she uses those equalities to excel in school, she has also spent time

volunteering in a traditional lo?i. For KAPF51687, this activity was more than just an opportunity to help her community, it was a way to form a connection with her Hawaiian ancestors and reflect upon the role of her culture in her life and how it has impacted who she is and who she will become in the future.

In the time I have known KAPF51687, she has impressed me with her quiet determination to perform at the highest levels in anything she takes on. She is already demonstrating that same sense of commitment as she navigates her college experience.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51687

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Dane Fujiwara Math Teacher Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus	Educator

Dear Pauahi Foundation Scholarship Committee,

It is my distinct pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for KAPF51687 in support of her application for Pauahi Foundations Scholarships. I had the privilege of teaching her Advanced Financial Algebra during her final year of high school, and I can confidently attest to her outstanding character, work ethic, and academic potential.

From the first day of class, KAPF51687 distinguished herself as an exceptional student who consistently strived for excellence. Advanced Financial Algebra is a challenging course that demands analytical thinking, problem-solving, and a strong grasp of mathematical concepts. Not only did KAPF51687 excel academically, but she also brought a level of curiosity and engagement that elevated the learning experience for her peers. Her dedication to mastering complex concepts and her willingness to help classmates made her a standout leader in the classroom.

What sets KAPF51687 apart is her remarkable ability to balance her many responsibilities with grace and determination. As a full-time college student, she continues to demonstrate her commitment to education while working part-time. This balancing act requires exceptional time-management skills, resilience, and focus—qualities she has consistently displayed. Despite her busy schedule, she has maintained an impressive academic record and continues to pursue her goals with unyielding enthusiasm.

KAPF51687’s drive to be the best version of herself extends beyond academics. She is a person of great integrity and compassion, always striving to make a positive impact on those around her. Whether through her willingness to assist classmates in understanding difficult material or her thoughtful contributions to discussions, she demonstrates a maturity and kindness that inspire others to aim higher.

I have no doubt that KAPF51687 will bring the same level of dedication, resilience, and excellence to any endeavor she undertakes. Her ambition to succeed and her ability to persevere through challenges

make her a truly deserving candidate for this scholarship. I am confident that she will continue to achieve great things and make meaningful contributions to our lahui.

Thank you for considering her application. I wholeheartedly recommend her for this scholarship and am excited to see all that she will accomplish in the future.

Me ka haʻahaʻa,

Kumu Dane Fujiwara

Math Teacher

Kamehameha Schools Kapalama

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KAPF ID# 51687

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Jane Averia Franchise Operator/Manager Baskin-Robbins Kailua	Employer

I have known Applicant KAPF51687 strictly on an employer-employee relationship. During these past two and a half years of employment, KAPF51687 has proven to be an outstanding member of our BR Kailua team. KAPF51687 started as a sales associate and has become a shift leader in a short period of time. Responsible for the efficient operation of a BR store, KAPF51687 sees to it that all products are well-stocked and organized. Providing courteous and great customer service is one of KAPF51687 strong points. KAPF51687 is also dependable and trustworthy, focused and hardworking, proactive and willing to take on additional responsibilities. KAPF51687 is a great team player always ready to fill in and help other team members when needed. With all these good qualities, I strongly recommend approval of her scholarship application.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51803

Writer Information:
Andrew Alling
Research Assistant
University of Hawaii

Recommendation Type:
Community

I first met KAPF51803 during the summer of 2024 when they interned in my research lab at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. From the outset, they demonstrated exceptional character, academic rigor, and technical aptitude. Their level of technical knowledge surpassed that of their peers, but what stood out most was their maturity and depth of thought. This became particularly evident during the final presentations for the internship, which were attended by over 200 people including the college dean, professors, research staff, and families.

KAPF51803's research project focused on a highly technical topic with significant societal implications. The larger scope of the project intersects with sensitive issues regarding land rights in Hawaii and U.S. military occupation. During their presentation, KAPF51803 was asked challenging questions, some of which ventured into politically charged territory well beyond the scope of the high school internship research project. Their response was composed, articulate, and insightful, reflecting a level of maturity much higher than I would expect for any high school student. Their ability to thoughtfully address complex topics impressed everyone in the room, including myself and senior faculty members.

Outside the lab, I observed KAPF51803's exceptional motivation and commitment to serving their community. Even after the internship was over, they eagerly joined me in separate humanitarian efforts to connect under-served households on Hawaiian Homestead lands to internet access. Their contributions were invaluable, and their willingness to devote time and energy to helping others was both inspiring and impactful. The success of these efforts owed much to KAPF51803's teamwork and dedication to improving the lives of those around them.

KAPF51803 has consistently demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, intellectual curiosity, and a deep commitment to giving back to their community. I am confident that they will excel in higher education and make meaningful contributions to society. Their determination to pursue knowledge and their dedication to creating positive change make them an outstanding candidate for this scholarship.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 51803

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Cherish Henrickson Interim Department Head and Teacher Kamehameha Schools Kaplama	Educator

I have known KAPF51803 since his freshman year of high school. He was a student in my Honors Algebra 2 class and a member of the Kamehameha Schools (KS) Math Team, which I coach. He has been enrolled in my Competitive Math class for the past two years and constantly creates an environment of fun with academic rigor. He enjoys socializing, which benefits the collaborative learning environments of the Honors Algebra 2 and Competitive Math classes. As part of the KS Math Team, KAPF51803 combines his physics knowledge with advanced math to prepare to compete in the Oahu Math League (OML) competitions. It is a joy to see his charismatic personality invite others into a conversation of learning. As an upcoming engineer, I know that KAPF51803 will continue to bring fun and excitement to his future classes and workplaces.

KAPF51803 was among the highest math students in Honors Algebra 2, continually scoring within the top 5%; his organized and completed work supported his overall learning, and his willingness to help others solidified his math knowledge. I appreciate the positive attitude he brings to the classroom and the friendly demeanor he presents each day. KAPF51803 thrives in his STEM classes, and this is due to his passion for the subject. His interest in STEM and engineering guided him to the JESSE program at the University of Hawai?i at Manoa. This transformative experience allowed KAPF51803 to work with other students across the state to develop innovative solutions for detecting traces of bomb elements in Hawai?i. His experiences continue to propel KAPF51803 in a positive direction.

KAPF51803 is a student-athlete who has participated in the cross-country and wrestling programs. His grit, determination, and growth mindset may be attributed to his struggles and challenges as a student-athlete. Last year, his shoulder injury prevented him from fully participating in wrestling. KAPF51803never complained about his situation. Instead, he committed more to the KS math team by attending after-school practices, improving his skills, and tutoring other students.

Lastly, members of the KS Math Team are expected to demonstrate leadership by participating in a committee and completing community service hours. KAPF51803 is part of the social committee.

He is expected to design social events, organize materials, and publicize each event. I strongly recommend KAPF51803. His family is foundational to his identity. I know they will continue to support him when he encounters trials and pushes him to do his best.

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 52165

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Shara Mahoe Transition Specialists KS Kaplama	Educator

Aloha Pauahi Foundation Committee:

This letter of support is for KAPF52165 who was a 2024 Kamehameha Schools – Kapalama and is currently a first-year student at University of Hawai?i Manoa. She is currently on her way to studying psychology. I have known the haumana for a year and is currently her Transition Specialist as they thrive in their post-KS journey.

KAPF52165 is currently thriving at University of Hawai?i Manoa. More specifically, she?s enjoying what she is studying. When we first spoke she mentioned to me on how she was supposed to go to another school instead of UH Manoa. But financially, staying home was going to be the better decision for her and her academic journey. We spoke about how she could do study abroad opportunities, and with being a psychology major. It?s important for her to continue her studies and finding new opportunities to gain the experience that she needs to be marketable within her career. She wants to specifically go into counseling and mental health services tailored to the cultural needs of Hawaiian families. She believes that integrating cultural understanding with psychological support, she can help foster a healthier, more resilient community where people are empowered to face challenges, heal from trauma, and build stronger relationships.

Mahalo,

Shara Mahoe

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2025-26 AY Pauahi Foundation Cadidate Letter(s) of Recommendation

KAPF ID# 52165

Writer Information:	Recommendation Type:
Pualani Paiaina Student Success Counselor Kamehameha Schools Kapalama	Educator

It is my pleasure to provide this counselor statement for KAPF46264. I worked with KAPF46264 in my capacity as a Student Success Counselor at the Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama High School since from August 2022-May 2024.

KAPF46264 was a “lifer” meaning she has attended KS since Kindergarten. Receiving her elementary and secondary education here is something only a handful of students achieve each year. KAPF46264 recognizes the significance of this and accepts a personal responsibility to adhere to the wishes of our founder, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop whose vision was for every KS graduate to become good and industrious young men and women. Being taught how to be responsible is a natural part of the KS curriculum, but choosing to live responsibly is a very different thing. For KAPF46264, she accepts her inherited responsibility and tries to live a life that would make his princess proud.

When she was a student at Kamehameha, KAPF46264 was a friendly, passionate and dedicated young woman. KAPF46264 loved school and the opportunities that came with it. She pushed herself through any struggles or challenges with her academics. KAPF46264 was not afraid to ask questions and seek resources and support on campus. Her last year at school, Chemistry was a challenge but through hard work, KAPF46264 found success.

KAPF46264 was part of the dual credit program with Hawaii Pacific University and had a GPA of 3.42. She graduated this past May 2024 with Academic Honors. Through my regular meetings with KAPF46264, I learned that she had a passion for books, reading and English. Any available time, you could find KAPF46264 with a book. This contributed to her desire to study English and become an English teacher, Publisher or Publicist. KAPF46264 would love to be a literary agent.

Outside the classroom, KAPF46264 kept herself busy with a wide variety of activities. She participated in paddling and boxing and volunteered with beach clean ups. Extracurricular activities were important to KAPF46264 as she saw it as an opportunity to give back and grow as a student. KAPF46264 balanced all her activities with her academics by managing her time, staying organized.

KAPF46264 had the motivation to be successful in college. Please feel free to contact me at pupaiain@ksbe.edu should you require any additional information regarding KAPF46264's application.