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Our Mission

The OIA Athletic Foundation is committed to supporting the OIA in enhancing positive athletic experiences as part of the education process to develop student athletes in becoming productive citizens, scholars and leaders.

Education Through Athletics Fulfilling the Promise



Second Annual
OIA Athletic Foundation Dinner

Honoring

Dr. Edison H. Miyawaki

March 21, 2007
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Tapa Ballroom

Education Through Athletics— Fulfilling the Promise

Aloha and welcome to the second annual OIA Athletic Foundation (OIAAF) Dinner honoring **Dr. Edison H. Miyawaki**. Thank you for spending your time with us and for your generous financial support.

Tonight's theme is *Education Through Athletics – Fulfilling the Promise* which emphasizes that athletics are an important and integral part of the education process and vital for the development of the OIA member schools' student-athletes.

For many student-athletes, participation and competition in high school sports provides positive, lasting, and often, life-changing experiences and lessons that lead to success in their lives. They are able to develop outside the classroom setting, build character, practice leadership skills, and learn the values of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Tonight's theme is more than just an expression for the OIAAF. It is the principle that defines the roles and guides the support provided to the OIA member schools, to their athletic programs, and most importantly, to the student athlete. The OIAAF is committed to the idea that athletics must be supported and made available as an extension of the academic classroom in reaching and educating all student-athletes.

Your financial support this evening will go a long way in seeding the OIAAF Fund that will provide financial assistance to support and sustain opportunities for all student-athletes at our OIA member schools.

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Entertainment

Pre-dinner
Kaimuki High School Ohana O Mele

Dinner
Castle High School Jazz Band

Program

Master of Ceremonies
John Fink

Video Tribute

Speakers
Kacy Sumikawa
Keith Amemiya
Dr. Edison K. Miyawaki

Presentation of Gift & Response
Dr. Edison H. Miyawaki

Menu

SALAD
Village Bistro Salad
with Balsamic Vinaigrette

ENTREE
Breast of Chicken with Shiitake Mushrooms
& Tiger Prawns with Saffron Sauce
Roasted Potatoes
Medley of Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Rolls

DESSERT
Opera Cake
with Raspberry Coulis



Opening Doors Through Athletics

Dr. Edison H. Miyawaki believes in the power of athletics to open doors to higher education and successful careers. For decades he has provided Hawai'i athletes countless opportunities to receive university scholarships as well as enter the world of professional sports. "I believe in giving underdogs a chance," says Dr. Miyawaki.

"I especially believe in giving underprivileged kids the chance to go to the NFL."

In the 1970s, Dr. Miyawaki established a National Football League training camp for Hawai'i athletes aspiring to play professional football. Two hundred showed up; only one qualified—that was Paul Dombroski (Leilehua, '74), who went on to a successful career with the Kansas City Chiefs, the New England Patriots, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Other standouts like Arnold Morgado also got a tryout and a career with the Chiefs thanks to the good word of Dr. Miyawaki. He has also provided a college education for many Hawaii high school athletes through the Miyawaki Scholarship Fund at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), his alma mater, where he served as trustee for 13 years.

Locally and nationally, Dr. Miyawaki's influence on the world of sports extends far and wide. He has been co-owner of the Cincinnati Bengals since 1994, and is the first Japanese-American to purchase an ownership interest in an NFL franchise. Other professional sports honors include being a member of the NFL Pro Bowl Committee and an investor in the Boston Celtics National Basketball Association franchise. At the college level, he served on the search committee for University of Hawaii football coach June Jones and baseball coach Mike Trapasso. He is a recipient of the Community Service Award for the National Football Foundation Hawaii chapter.

Dr. Miyawaki is Chairman, President, and CEO of Family Health I and II, one of the largest privately held healthcare business interests in Hawaii. In recent years, he has been awarded the Charles Reed Bishop Medal and was honored by Junior Achievement in Hawaii as outstanding businessperson of the year. Among his major philanthropic projects are: The Miyawaki Library at LMU, the Miyawaki Hall at the Middle School of Punahou School, the Miyawaki Law Journal Center at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, the Robert H. Taylor, S. J. Chair in the Department of Philosophy at LMU, the Miyawaki Scholarship Fund at Temple Medical School, and the Edison H. and Sallie Y. Miyawaki Gifts for Teaching in Neurology at Harvard Medical School.