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Hawaii Dental Service Foundation Awards Eight Scholarships Totaling \$60,000 to Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

The Hawaii Dental Service Foundation awarded four dental students and four dental hygiene students with Hawaii Dental Service Community Scholarships totaling \$60,000.

“Access to quality oral health care for Hawaii’s families is a priority for the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation and our state,” said Mark Yamakawa, HDS president and CEO. “By supporting the education of students and encouraging them to practice in Hawaii, we are investing in the next generation of dental providers for our state.”

The four dental hygiene students each received a \$5,000 scholarship. They are:

- **Britnay Jaralba**, of Waipahu, a third-year dental hygiene student at the University of Hawaii - Manoa. She is a second-year recipient of this scholarship. She is the daughter of Madielyn and Julius Jaralba of Aiea.
- **Krystin Kubo**, of Waipahu, a third-year dental hygiene student at the University of Hawaii - Manoa. She is a second-year recipient of this scholarship. Her parents are Berdina and Trenton Kubo of Waipahu.

- **Cyndie Rayoan**, of Waipahu, a first-year dental hygiene student at the University of Hawaii - Manoa. Her mother is Andrea Mineshima.
- **Kiana Marie Soliven**, a Waimea High School graduate and third-year dental hygiene student at the University of Hawaii - Manoa. She is a third-year recipient of this scholarship. She is the daughter of Marissa Molina of Kauai and the late Randy Soliven.

The four dental students each received a \$10,000 scholarship. They are:

- **Kylie Carganilla**, of Kalihi, a first-year dental student at the Oregon Health Science University. Her parents are Janis and Al Carganilla.
- **Elsa Lin**, of Kapahulu, a third-year dental student at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. She is a third-year recipient of this scholarship. She is the daughter of Choi Kuan Lin and Wei Xiang Lin of Kapahulu. Lin received her undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota.
- **Sophia Oak**, of Ala Moana area, a fourth-year dental student at A.T. Still University (ATSU) Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. She is a second-year recipient of this scholarship. Her parents are Rosa and Sun Oak of Ala Moana.
- **Layke Yamauchi**, of Wailuku, a third-year dental student at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He is a second-year recipient of this scholarship. His parents are Lynn and Lance Yamauchi of Wailuku, Maui.

The scholarship program was established in 2018 with a \$2 million endowment from the HDS Foundation. To date, the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation has awarded a total of \$150,500 in scholarships. The Hawaii Dental Service Community Scholarship Fund is administered by Hawaii Community Foundation and supports Hawaii residents pursuing a degree in dental hygiene and dentistry.

About the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation

The Hawaii Dental Service Foundation was established in 1986 by Hawaii Dental Service to improve oral health in Hawaii. The Foundation's oral health initiatives include programs such as Seal Away Decay, Dentist by One and Kupuna Smiles. In 2018, the Foundation established the Hawaii Dental Service Community Scholarship Program to support Hawaii students pursuing careers in dentistry or dental hygiene. The Foundation also gives grants to local non-profit organizations for programs and projects that provide oral health education, prevent oral disease, and increase access to dental care for underserved populations. Visit the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation website at www.HDSFoundation.gives.