

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

APRIL 2025



The Spring Thanksgiving Festival was performed on Sunday, April 6

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MAHALO for the Offerings of Sake

Bill & Keiko Doughty
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Irene Takizawa

*Hungry crabs sideways
dance - not hide - waiting
for life's return in blue
waves*

Bill Doughty



CALENDAR

MAY

4 2 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

24 8 am (Internal)

Memorial Day Service

JUNE

1 2 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

JULY

1 - 7 8:30 am - 4 pm

Tanabata wish tags in shrine

5 1 pm

Chinowa ring preparations

6 9:30 am - 1 pm

Chinowa for People & Pets and
Back-To-School Blessing

SPRING THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL



The Spring Thanksgiving Festival was performed on Sunday, April 6.

It is a time to remember the bounties that we receive from nature and the friendships, kindnesses, generosity and guidance received from everyone who has touched and shaped our lives.



was established in 1952. 2025 marks the 73rd year since the *Gobunrei* (essence of the *kami*) was authorized for worship by Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka and brought to Hawaii.

Shrine Vice President Marilyn Naitoh welcomed participants and expressed gratitude to Reverends Tomoya Maki and Makoto Kumagai from Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka for gracing us with their presence.

Shrine VP Marilyn Naitoh presided over the Scholarship Awards, followed by shrine



Secretary Linda Shinsato introducing the Volunteer Award recipients.

We extend our deepest mahalo to the dedicated officers and friends of the shrine for their kokua in making the festival possible.

MAHALO NUI Volunteers

Jeff Fujioka
Bryson Goda
Brenna Imada
Arden Isa
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Charlotte Isa
Juston Isa
Tom Jannuzzio
Calvin Mai
Marilyn Naitoh
Stuart Pang
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto

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2025 Scholarships

The Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarship was created in 2012 to award scholarships to qualified applicants attending an accredited high school, university or vocational school regardless of race, religion, gender or national origin.

This year marks our 14th year and we are delighted to award four extraordinary students.

Presenting the awards this year was Reverend Tomoya Maki of Dazaifu Tenmangu.

Rev Maki is a 27th generation descendant of the Suitengu Shrine in Kurume. His family has served the shrine for 830 years and also the Arima family that ruled the Kurume Clan since 1620.

Past Scholarship Recipients

2012

Bryson Teruo Goda
Kai Aaron Igarashi
Lucas Mattice
Tatiana Omokawa

2013

Jeffrey Fujioka
Geraldine Gambalan
Lukela Los Banos
Jill Mari Nishida
Daniel Song

2014

Stacie Akemi Hata
Calvin Mai
Melvin Monces
Scott Okamura

2015

Alexandria Carlyle
Milena Naitoh
John Sunahara
Dane Yamada

2016

Kazuumi Fujioka
Kyle Ling
Stuart Pang
Bethany Schwartz
James Yonemura

2017

Cassandra Carlyle
Cherie Ishihara
Skye Sakashita
Staci Shimamoto
Jensn Yasui

2018

Gavin Desamito
Victoria Hallett
Taylor Suzuki
Kylie Tamashiro
Micah Tong
Katherine Yoakum

2019

Joseph Agag
Dakota Rei Chun
Kilala Hall
Brenna Imada
Zeph Kaneshiro
Jordan Kimura
Konner Uratsuka

2020

Keng-Hsien Chao
Rayce Manriki
Kaylee Rafol
Skye Miyauchi
Kody Watanabe
Dorthea Yoakum

2021

Kody Watanabe
Landon Kimura
Becky Isa
Skye Miyauchi
Dorthea Yoakum

2022

Stirling Sakashita
Danielle Sato
Madisen Yasui
Tiffani Muramoto
Sara Tash

2023

Brendan Choy
Kenji Sugimoto
Nathan Yoshida
Kadin Watanabe
Ellie Ikemura

2024

Tristan Tsu
Taryn Kimura
Kaitlyn Toma
Itsuki Morita
Stacie Hata
Jasmine Umeno



2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

Noah Asato



Noah is a senior at McKinley HS and an active member of the band program.

He has played trumpet for 8 years and is now a section leader, taking pride in growing his fellow musicians to succeed.

Noah has always been drawn to fixing and repairing things and is planning to take Fire Suppression classes in preparation for his future career.

Dylan Choy



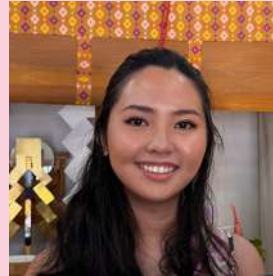
Dylan is a Senior at Kaiser HS where he is part of the wrestling and Judo teams.

After graduation he plans to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot while attend UH Manoa.

He loves adventuring outdoors, rock climbing, taking photographs of nature, and traveling.

Dylan is a wonderful brother and son who is always willing to help our the family!

Maiya Sugimoto



Maiya will be graduating this May with academic and CTE honors from Moanalua HS. Prior to her HS graduation, she will be receiving an AA degree from Honolulu Community College.

Maiya is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions and will be attending the Shidler Direct Admit Program at UH Manoa pursuing marketing and digital design.

Autumn Ikemura



Autumn is a senior at Mililani HS, where she is a member of the swim team - a sport she has excelled in since childhood.

She has competed in multiple championships, state meets and had the privilege to be captain.

Autumn enjoys watching shows and baking and plans on pursuing a double major in Political Science and Psychology, eventually attending law school.

Volunteer Awards 2025



Bryson Goda received the award on behalf of Kai Igarashi who resides in Hilo

From the founding of our country, volunteerism has been integral to the American culture and experience.

This year, we would like to acknowledge 4 outstanding individuals that have been a vital part of the shrine for many years. Our deepest gratitude goes out to

Kai Igarashi, Jeff Fujioka, Calvin Mai and Stuart Pang for their dedication and steadfast support throughout the years.

The 4 young men has demonstrated a sustained commitment of hundred of hours to the betterment and preservation of the shrine.

Past Recipients

2013

Shinken Naitoh
Robert Harada

2016

Tom Jannuzzio

2019

Marilyn Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida

2021

Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato

2022

Mike Lee
Mitsuru Igarashi
Pam Igarashi

2023

Bryson Goda
Bill Doughty
Keiko Doughty

2024

Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Naomi Teramoto

This recognition is a symbol for all shrine supporters, that we are an organization of volunteers, working together in service to the community, in a unified goal of the preservation and perpetuation of our cultural and spiritual heritage.

Gokito Private Blessings



friend who is about to undergo a tear duct reconstruction surgery.

In Japanese culture, it is customary to bring gifts when visiting relatives or friends hospitalized for a few days.

Surgery, whether it is minor or major can be filled with anxiety. When the unknown looms in front of us - a private blessing gives peace to our hearts and our bodies.

A private blessing for peace, healing and success was performed for a shrine

It's crucial to respect their needs and privacy prior to the visit and is always best to ask the patient or family member if a visit is welcome and appropriate.

Gifts that are taboo in Japanese culture:

- Potted plants with roots sends the

message that you hope they grow roots there and never go home.

- Never give *kiku* or chrysanthemums. These flowers are used for grave visits and funerals.

Tsubaki or camellias are also off limits as the flower head's fall from the stem is associated with the swiftness of a samurai's kill.

- Best to stay away from foodstuff, if you're unsure of their dietary restrictions or hospital policies.



Warmest Congratulations on the birth of your little bundle of joy! We welcome your new baby with wishes of health, happiness and plenty of sleep!

The newborn's siblings were also blessed at the shrine and celebrated multiple *Shichigosan* blessings throughout the years.

Traditions such as *Hatsumiya* Baby Blessings can create a strong sense of connection to family, community and culture.

Festival Prep & Clean-up

Jeff Fujioka
Bryson Goda
Brenna Imada
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Charlotte Isa
Juston Isa
Tom Jannuzzio
Rev Makoto Kumagai
Calvin Mai
Stuart Pang
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato



Mahalo Nui to everyone that helped to prep for the festival on 4/5 and breakdown and clean-up on 4/6. Thank you for your selflessness and willingness to go above and beyond.



An online blessing was performed for Jack, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in early April.

The owner who resides in the Midwest wanted to express her gratitude for the love, joy and comfort Jack brought to her life.

Contact the shrine for online blessings - kotohira@hawaiiintel.net