

Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa honors outstanding Maui County students with scholarships

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WAILEA, Maui, Hawaii – Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa recently awarded \$1,000 scholarship checks to seven outstanding seniors from Maui County schools.

According to Kyoko Kimura, managing director of Diamond Wailea Resort and founding member of the scholarship fund, “The Diamond Resort Scholarship celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and, over the years, it has been our pleasure to award a total of \$127,500 to 127 graduating seniors seeking higher education.”

Last year was very challenging for many Maui businesses including Diamond Wailea Resort. “For a brief time,” added Kimura, “we contemplated postponing the scholarship awards but soon realized our investment in Maui’s future business leaders was much too important to defer.”

Martin Luna, a trustee of the scholarship fund said to the recipients, “Once you graduate from college and return home to Maui, we will look forward to seeing your positive contributions to our economy.”

The 2009 Diamond Scholarship Recipients were:

- Hana High School: Aaron Matthew Friesen, Lucas Okalani Weigang
- King Kekaulike High School: Sierra Sobel-Smith
- Lahainaluna High School: Kelsey Lucia Fortey
- Molokai High School: Estrella Madani, John Rosales
- Maui High: Natasha-Amber Magbual Sensano



(L-R) Henry Perez, General Manager, Estrella Madani (Molokai High), Aaron Matthew Friesen (Hana High), John Rosales (Molokai High), Natasha-Amber Magbual Sensano (Maui High), and Kyoko Kimura, Managing Director

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Recipients were selected from the applications and essays submitted. The subject of the essay was about 'what they planned to study in college and why.'

High-rez DIGITAL IMAGE of the group photo is available upon request.

About Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa

The all-suite Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa is an intimate retreat situated on a tropical 15-acre site in the exclusive Wailea Resort on Maui's southwest coast. Each of the 72 suites offer spacious 900 square feet of living space which includes a bedroom, sitting area, kitchenette and private lanai with deluxe ocean views and/or garden vistas. The resort also features a special private beach area and easy access to Wailea's Blue, Gold and Emerald golf courses, the exclusive Shops at Wailea, and a world-class tennis facility.

Diamond Wailea Resort & Spa is managed by Aqua Hotels & Resorts; a Hawaii-owned and operated lodging hospitality company founded by Mike Paulin.

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