



Stronger Together

Thanks to you ...

The COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge for all of us, but few experienced as many setbacks as did the Class of 2020. As they were finishing high school and trying to prepare for their futures, the most vulnerable students became even more vulnerable as parents lost jobs, lost income, and in some cases even lost homes as the coronavirus changed life forever.

▶ **TO ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES** exacerbated by the pandemic, the *Stronger Together Hawai'i Fund* was created to offer a flexible scholarship that students could use as needed, even as they changed schools or changed enrollment from full- to part-time in response to the pandemic.

Through the overwhelming generosity of people in our community like you, 370 high school graduates were offered a helping hand in 2020. Beginning their post-secondary educations in one of the toughest academic years in memory, more than half of the 2020 Stronger Together scholars reapplied for additional assistance to continue their educational pursuits in 2021.

The community's ongoing support made it possible for 200 students who reapplied for Stronger Together Hawai'i and other HCF scholarships to receive assistance for a second year. Of those students, 51 expect to graduate from their chosen field of study by the end of calendar year 2022.

They can be proud of their tenacity, resilience, and progress since March 2020. Your support helped give them the ability to continue.



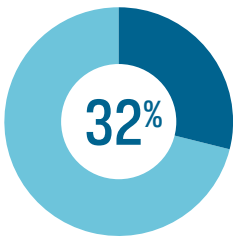
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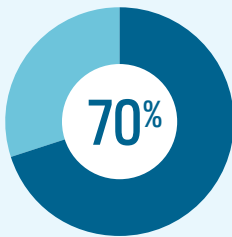
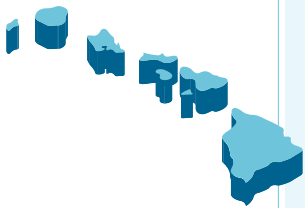
Stronger Together Hawai'i in 2021, *By the Numbers*

\$1.2 Million

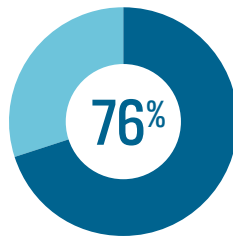
in scholarships awarded,
with an average scholarship of \$6,000.



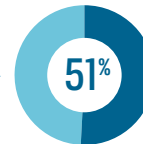
Percent of returning students come from neighbor islands



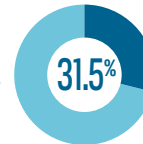
Percent are attending a University of Hawai'i system school, with almost 27 percent attending a UH community college



Percent identify as an underserved or underrepresented student, including foster youth, those who were homeless or at-risk of being homeless, first-generation college students, LGBTQ+ and/or an underrepresented ethnic minority.



are the first generation in their family to potentially graduate from college



are Native Hawaiian

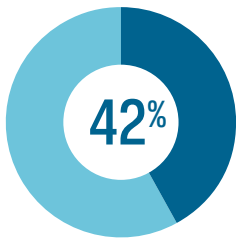


are LGBTQ+



COVID has changed our lives. This past year was extremely difficult with all the opening and closing of facilities, campuses, volleyball practice, everything. My father has been without work since March 2020 and remains unemployed.

By the grace of God, we were able to receive the Stronger Together Hawai'i Scholarship and that made it possible for me to return to school for Spring 2021. I am truly grateful for this scholarship for it pays my tuition and a portion of my living allowance since there is no on-campus housing. Mahalo piha to all who make scholarships available to Hawai'i future leaders.” —Julie W.



of scholarship recipients worked to support their education or household expenses and/or were a primary caregiver.

Emergency Savings Program

► **As part of the Stronger Together Hawai'i** (STH) program offerings, First Hawaiian Bank teamed with the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) to offer an Emergency Savings Program to prepare Stronger Together Hawai'i scholars for unforeseen situations. In 2021, 55 scholars participated and earned up to \$1,000 each by opening savings accounts, learning about personal financial management, staying in school, and maintaining good academic standing. These students can be commended for their persistence at a time when many drop out between their first and second years. This additional financial support is intended to help pay for unexpected life costs, so students can continue to focus on their college goals.

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When COVID-19 hit the Islands, my family was hit hard. I had a part-time job and got laid off, which played a tremendous role in my education because I was in the process of saving money to pay for college.

Another thing is that my family's food stamps were lowered. We were already stretching it before COVID, and now we had to figure out other ways to put food on the table and to pay the bills. There would be times where we wouldn't have food so we would rely on local food banks. There would be times where we couldn't wear our clothes, so we had to stretch whatever we had left to use that was clean. Me and my family experienced things we thought would never happen to us, especially in Hawai'i.”—Kyla Rae P.

More Information

► **To learn more** about how your contribution makes a difference contact Eric La'a at ela@hcf-hawaii.org or call (808) 537-6333. For more information about the Hawai'i Community Foundation Scholarship program visit: hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships.



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Meet the Returning Stronger Together Hawai'i Scholars

► **This list includes** the scholar's graduating high school, college choice, major, and intended graduation date.



HAWAII ISLAND

[Hilo High School \(Public - Hilo\)](#)

Leilani Guerrero

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Psychology, May 2024

Paige Hiraki

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Kinesiology, May 2024

Wyatt Lorenzo

Hawai'i Tokai International College
Liberal Arts, July 2021

Keanikuipo Midel

Bellevue College
Liberal Arts, December 2022

Kyla Rae Pacheco-Paglinawan

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Hawaiian Studies, May 2024

[Honoka'a High School \(Public - Honoka'a\)](#)

Lilliana Ryann Canario-Carvalho

Veterinarian Assisting/Technology, June 2022

Sheena Mae Dalmacio

Hawai'i Community College
Automotive Technology, May 2022

Sadie Radl

Grand Canyon University
Psychology, May 2024

Exel Reelo Ramos

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Mathematics, May 2024

[Kea'au High School \(Public - Kea'au\)](#)

Wilmer Agpaoa

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Aldwin Badua

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Biochemistry, May 2025

Ryclan Bernal

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Nursing, June 2024

Briana Burns

Hawai'i Community College
Liberal Arts, May 2022

Alapaki Kanaina-Endo

Seattle Central College
Business - International, May 2024

Jenifer Oher

Accounting, May 2024

Roberto Ramos Jr

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Kinesiology, May 2024

[Kealakehe High School \(Public - Kailua-Kona\)](#)

Cristine Anne Afan

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Nursing, May 2024

Junseo Choi

Hawai'i Community College
Nursing, May 2023

Sae Fujitani

Oregon State University
Therapy - Physical, June 2024

Joseph Jimenez

Rochester Institute of Technology New York
Graphic Arts & Design, May 2024

Renell Kaupu-Kaialilii

Hawai'i Community College
Law, May 2022

Viena Manukia-Mapapalangi

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Nina Kimberly Nabor

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Nursing, May 2024

Joyce Rosabia

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Engineering - Biomedical, May 2024

Amanda Schiff

University of Portland
Engineering Technology - Mechanical, May 2024

Deven Wagner

Chabot College
Fire Science, June 2023

[Konawaena High School \(Public - Kealakekua\)](#)

Breeze Chinen

University of Portland
Education, May 2024

Keilana Crane

Hawai'i Community College
Liberal Arts, December 2022

Malie Grace

Colorado Mesa University
Engineering, May 2024

Elimar Utrera

University of Rochester
Political Science, May 2024

Shayne Victor

Education-Secondary, December 2021

Aiko Watanabe

Criminal Justice & Criminology, May 2022

[Pāhoa High School \(Public - Pāhoa\)](#)

Uilani Barajas-Alconcel

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Nursing, May 2024

Kaunoceanuhea Choy Foo

University of Nevada - Las Vegas
Business - Management, May 2025

Rayanne Ganiron

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Business - Management, May 2024

Caeden Kadarusman

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Chemistry, June 2024

Britlynn Lee

Northern Arizona University
Biomedical, May 2024

Bailey-Ann Lee

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Chemistry, May 2024

Rudy Pasion

Engineering - Mechanical, May 2024

[Waiakea High School \(Public - Hilo\)](#)

Jennifer Nakano

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Engineering - Computer, May 2024

Pohakalaokealani Van Veen

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
English, May 2024

KAUA'I

[Kapa'a High School \(Public - Kapa'a\)](#)

Kyler Arruda-Sukehira

Kaua'i Community College
Nursing, March 2024

Angeline Roslin

Kaua'i Community College
Nursing, May 2024

[Kaua'i High School \(Public - Lihu'e\)](#)

Robyn Saronitman

Kaua'i Community College
Accounting, May 2022

Justine Solsoloy

Kaua'i Community College
Nursing, May 2024

[Kawaikini PCS \(Charter - Lihu'e\)](#)

Kahiau Hamberg

Kaua'i Community College
Hawaiian Studies, May 2024

[Waimea High School \(Public - Waimea\)](#)

Kristian Cardejon

Clark College
Psychology, June 2024

Naomi Nakaahiki

Kaua'i Community College
Liberal Arts, May 2022

Wade Pimsaguan

Pacific University
Kinesiology, May 2024

MAUI

[Baldwin High School \(Public - Wailuku\)](#)

Ryce Andres

California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
Graphic Arts & Design, May 2024

Brenda Franco Rodriguez

Portland State University
Political Science, June 2024

[Kihei PCS \(Charter - Kihei\)](#)

Riki MacMillan

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Engineering, May 2024

[King Kekaulike High School \(Public - Pukalani\)](#)

Wendellyn Enosara

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biochemistry, May 2024

Nalu Nakamura

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Aviation, June 2024

Shaira Sabugo

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Nursing, May 2024

Julia Wagner

Fullerton College
Kinesiology, December 2022

[Lahainaluna High School \(Public - Lahaina\)](#)

Anjennette Rabe

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Tourism & Hospitality, May 2022

Janelle Irish Raguindin

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Tourism & Hospitality, May 2022

[Maui High School \(Public - Kahului\)](#)

Calistra Hawkins

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Liberal Arts, December, 2021

Jacob Jones

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Business - Management, May 2022

Aubrey Santiago

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Public Health, May 2024

Breanna Marie Taguchi

Oregon State University
Marketing, June 2024

Briana Valentin

University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Culinary Arts, May 2023

MOLOKAI

[Moloka'i High School \(Public - Ho'olehua\)](#)

Daylen Shayne Casino

Leeward Community College
Nursing, May 2024

O'AHU

[Aiea High School \(Public - 'Aiea\)](#)

Adam Alamodin

University of San Francisco
Biology, May 2024

TJ Chan

Leeward Community College
Computer Science, May 2024

Tori Evans

Brigham Young University - Hawai'i
English, June 2024

Sherilyn Matsuoka

Leeward Community College
Health Science, May 2023

Nathaniel Okamoto

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Athletic Training, May 2024

Mai Phan

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

[Anuenue School \(Public - Pālolo\)](#)

Shawn Tamarra

Kapi'olani Community College
Culinary Arts, May 2023

[Campbell High School \(Public - 'Ewa Beach\)](#)

Ayla Marie Bio

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Keelia Choi

Honolulu Community College
Fire Science, May 2022

Jasmin Diaz

University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Education-Elementary, May 2024

Cori-Lee Kipapa

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Art, May 2021

Miriam Joyce Lipman

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Environmental Science, May 2024

Thor Mendez

Wentworth Institute of Technology
Business - Management, May 2024

Gabrielle Tessier

Leeward Community College
Biology, December 2021

[Castle High School \(Public - Kāne'ohe\)](#)

Troy Anderson

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Architecture, December 2024

Draven Arnold

The University of Alabama
Dance, May 2024

Tallea Corales

Kapi'olani Community College
Culinary Arts, May 2022

Madisyn Polendey

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Nursing, May 2024

Kaili Wasson

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Business - Management, May 2024

Austin Yoshida

Long Island University Post
Theatre, September 2023

[Farrington High School \(Public - Kalihi\)](#)

Isabella Asuncion

University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Marketing, May 2024

Chantell Cambia

Kapi'olani Community College
Psychology, December 2022

Diego Luiz Clemente
Leeward Community College
Computer & Information Science, June 2022

Elerose Apple Cordero
Honolulu Community College
Liberal Arts, May 2022

Cyrus Dagdagan
Kapi'olani Community College
Nursing, May 2022

Frenz Jamaica Dulluog
Creighton University
Health Care Administration, May 2024

Lawrence Gerald Guittap
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Molecular and Cell Biology, May 2024

Matthew Madayag
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Engineering - Mechanical, May 2024

Rom-Alvem Rosit
Honolulu Community College
Architecture, August 2022

Paula Angela Saladino
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Public Health, May 2024

Ashley Sebastian
Kapi'olani Community College
Nursing, May 2024

Hanting Zhou
Kapi'olani Community College
Psychology, June 2024

[Hawai'i Technology Academy PCS \(Charter - Waipahu\)](#)

Maunakea Bitler
Leeward Community College
Automotive Technology, June 2022

Kaulani Garso-Steward
University of Hawai'i - Maui College
Culinary Arts, May 2022

Carley Matsumura
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Graphic Arts & Design, May 2023

[Kailua High School \(Public - Kailua\)](#)

Kale Makaneole
Honolulu Community College
Aeronautics Maintenance Technology, May 2022

Grace Myers
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Microbiology and Immunology, May 2024

[Kaimuki High School \(Public - Kaimuki\)](#)

Bryan Nguyen
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Philosophy, May 2024

[Kaiser High School \(Public - Hawai'i Kai\)](#)

Sophia Daniel
Kapi'olani Community College
Environmental Science, May 2023

Gabriel Goes
Honolulu Community College
Music, May 2023

Kellen Imada
Honolulu Community College
Criminal Justice & Criminology, May 2022

Haley Lenander
University of San Francisco
Computer & Information Science, May 2023

Howin Ma
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Engineering - Mechanical, May 2024

Kaela Shimabukuro
Kapi'olani Community College
Business - Administration, May 2022

[Kalaheo High School \(Public - Kailua\)](#)

Briana Abraham
Windward Community College
Education-Elementary, May 2022

Jonah Lene
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, May 2024

Aaron Nezzar
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer & Information Science, June 2024

Ysabella Reyes
University of Portland
Nursing, May 2024

Micah Willweber
Concordia University - Nebraska
Physics, May 2024

Kylie Wolff
Oregon State University
Biology, June 2024

[Kalani High School \(Public - Honolulu\)](#)

Kaylyn Hara
Creighton University
Kinesiology, May 2024

Noah Hee
Kapi'olani Community College
Economics, December 2022

Makai Kato
Kapi'olani Community College
Culinary Arts, April 2023

David Le
CUNY Queens College
Finance, May 2024

Kenneth Lin
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Yongxin Lin
University of Portland
Nursing, May 2024

Joelle Kristensen Romero
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
Engineering - Mechanical, June 2024

Dorothy Ward
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Liberal Arts, May 2024

[Kapolei High School \(Public - Kapolei\)](#)

Macey Cargo
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Graphic Arts & Design, May 2024

Jessica McNeil
Saint Martin's University
Education-Special, May 2024

Madeleine Nguyen
Leeward Community College
Health Science, May 2024

Shai Paige
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Computer Science, May 2024

[Leilehua High School \(Public - Wahiawa\)](#)

Andrea Falealili
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Travel Industry Management, December 2024

[McKinley High School \(Public - Makiki\)](#)

Pookela Akana-Andrew
Honolulu Community College
Finance, June 2022

Alexandria Buchanan
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Film, June 2024

Alan Dennis
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Art, June 2025

Tomoaki Horoiwa
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Psychology, May 2024

Mancy Huynh
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Accounting, May 2024

Alyssa Kondo
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Sociology, December 2023

Kaia LaFave
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Social Work, May 2024

Hubert Liang
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer & Information Science, June 2024

Keoni Martin
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Nursing, May 2024

Samantha Quinones
Kapi'olani Community College
Biology, May 2022

Karla Angela Sales
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Criminal Justice & Criminology, December 2021

Lester Sibal
Kapi'olani Community College
Nursing, May 2022

Mai-Phi Tran-Dang
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, August 2024

Zion Williams
Psychology, May 2022

Calvin Wong
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, May 2024

[Mililani High School \(Public - Mililani\)](#)

Kaila Aiwohi
Menlo College
Marketing, May 2024

Kobey Arai
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, December 2023

Nicole Victoria Arios
University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Tiana Chang-Kamealoha
Leeward Community College
Liberal Arts, May 2022

Riky-Jaye Chung

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Education-Elementary, May 2024

Kaena Coleman-Saloricman

Leeward Community College
Psychology, May 2022

Shadrack Nabea

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Engineering - Mechanical, May 2024

Sasha Numazu-Fisher

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Psychology, May 2024

Taylor-Ann Okimoto

University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Education-Secondary, May 2024

Swasthita Sadagopan

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Crislen Suan

University of Montana - Western
Biology, May 2024

Moanalua High School (Public - Salt Lake)**Rodjela David**

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Business - Entrepreneurship, May 2024

Amy Giang

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

McCade Ho

Leeward Community College
Business - Entrepreneurship, May 2022

Kailee Hung

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, May 2024

Makena Lemapu

Northern Arizona University
Social Work, May 2022

Kristyn Mimura

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, May 2024

Trinity Oakland

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Psychology, June 2024

Destiny Lei Ramilo

University of California - Merced
Biology, May 2024

Brandon Sheen

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Accounting, May 2024

Kitanna Torres

Oregon State University
Engineering - Mechanical, July 2024

Carol Wong

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Computer Science, May 2024

Nānākuli High School (Public - Nānākuli)**Alana Chong**

Honolulu Community College
Environmental Science, June 2022

Kazlen Delenia

Saint Martin's University
Nursing, May 2024

Chaz Gouveia

Leeward Community College
Engineering - Electrical, May 2022

Pearl City High School (Public - Pearl City)**Kamanakai Alipio**

Honolulu Community College
Diesel Mechanics Technology, May 2022

Hermaine Ghenila Beltran

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Nursing, May 2024

Kaci Koizumi

University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
Graphic Arts & Design, May 2024

Michelle Santiago

Leeward Community College
Medicine May 2022

Radford High School (Public - Salt Lake - Honolulu)**Jia Xin Chen**

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Nursing, May 2024

Roosevelt High School (Public - Papakūlea - Honolulu)**Calyx Badon**

University of Hawai'i - Hilo
Nursing, May 2024

Le Yi Feng Zheng

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Business - Administration, June 2024

Junhong He

University of Southern California
Business - Entrepreneurship, May 2024

Kathy Ho

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Environmental Science, May 2024

Chelsea Kaneshiro

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Psychology, May 2024

Mia Lee

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Nursing, May 2024

Beyonce Maligaya

Kapi'olani Community College
Liberal Arts, August 2024

Jennifer Rodriguez Flores

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Architecture, May 2024

Aurora Rowland

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Psychology, May 2024

Dallas Son

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Nursing, December 2024

Min Qi Yue

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biochemistry, April 2024

University Laboratory School (Charter - Mānoa)**Melissa Dole**

Computer & Information Science, May 2024

Alyssa Guillermo

University of California - Irvine
Engineering - Mechanical, June 2024

Maile Sai

Oregon State University
Biology, June 2024

Tea Stephens

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Sabrina Weaver

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Marketing, May 2024

Arisa Yamamura

Oregon State University
Accounting, June 2024

Velika Yasay

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Anthropology, May 2024

Emily Yu

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Biology, May 2024

Wai'anae High School (Public - Wai'anae)**Janai Medrano**

University of Nevada - Las Vegas
Nursing, May 2024

Wai'anae High School (Public - Wai'anae)**Janea Johnson-Garliyo**

Honolulu Community College
Cosmetology, May 2022

Miliani Kuhaulua

Leeward Community College
Liberal Arts, May 2022

Waipahu High School (Public - Waipahu)**Jaymarc Clifford Asuncion**

Leeward Community College
Nursing, May 2022

Daniel Baon

Leeward Community College
Psychology, May 2022

Jhon Patrick Bilén

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Engineering - Civil, May 2024

Christian Fernando-Alonzo

University of Hawai'i - Mānoa
Psychology - Clinical, May 2024

Divine Samuelu

Leeward Community College
Film, May 2022

International**Nhu Anh Tran**

Kapi'olani Community College
Fashion Design & Merchandising, December 2021



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