

In 2023 Keauhou Canoe Club awarded the \$2000 James F. Rogers Academic Achievement Scholarship to Kianni Dodson from Kealakehe High School. Dodson plans to attend Hawaii Pacific University and major in nursing. An avid paddler, Dodson has paddled with Waikoloa Canoe Club, and currently paddling with Keauhou Canoe Club. At Kealakehe High School (KHS) she was the student leader and served as president of the Kealakehe Key Club and founded the KHS Book club while working in the school's library.

"Paddling and academics, along with my passion for leadership, have always been at the forefront of my life, educating and inspiring me to enjoy servicing the community," shares Dodson. "Serving others will always be part of my goal in life, whether that is academically, athletically, or in my future career in medicine."

In 2023 Noa Riznyk is the recipient of the Mike Haines Merit Achievement Scholarship. A graduate of West Hawaii Explorations Academy, Riznyk will major in business management and minor in environmental studies at the University of Nevada in Reno. Fond of ocean activities—swimming, fishing, diving and paddling with the Big Island Junior Va'a program—he attributes them to being formative of "who he is and how he wants to serve his community." Riznyk has volunteered for local companies and organizations to help with environmental initiatives such as sustainable fish farming and removing invasive species from anchialine ponds.

"Throughout my life, the oceans has been my playground, but also my classroom," says Riznyk. "The ocean has taught me to be humbel, respectful, patient and to work hard. As I prepare to paddle out in my canoe into unknown waters and an uncertain future, I feel confident that my knowledge and skills will carry me in the right direction."

We wish them both all the best on their future studies and endeavors. Your tax-deductible donations support these scholarship opportunities.

Thirty seniors have received scholarships totaling \$41,500 from Keauhou Canoe Club in the past 16 years. The club annually awards scholarships to West side of Hawaii Island graduating seniors who have at least two years recent paddling experience in a school athletic program or paddling club.

Recipients of Keauhou Canoe Club James F. Rogers Academic Achievement Scholarship

2008 Ryan Daugherty, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Engineering, \$1000

2008 Malia Kalamui-Patton, Kohala High School, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000

2009 Todd Yamakawa, Kealakehe High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Electrical Engineering, \$1000

2010 Patti Connors, Honokaha High School, University of Puget Sound, Journalism, \$1000

2011 Pomaika'ilani Ascino, Kealakehe High School, University of Oregon, Accounting/Business \$1000
2012 Lorelei Lehuanani Nakagawa, West Hawaii Explorations Academy, Hawaii Community College, Liberal Arts, \$1000
2013 Sean Duim, Kamehameha Schools-Oahu, University of Northern Colorado, Business, \$1000
2014 Grant Nair, Parker School, Ohio State University, Engineering, \$1000
2015 Reiko Ikeno, Konawaena High School, Portland State University, Undecided Major, \$1000
2016 Madeline Foo, Kealakehe High School, UCLA, Medicine, \$1500
2018 Wynter Ah Mow, Kealakehe High School, San Diego State University, Interior Architecture, \$1500
2019 Darby Muromoto, Kealakehe High School, Creighton University, Physical Therapy, \$1500
2020 Desiree Camacho Kealakehe High School, California State University, Aeronautical Engineering, \$1500
2021 Dannia Andrade, Kealakehe High School, University of Hawaii Manoa, Pre-Med \$2500
2022 Teige Lorenzo-Akamu, Kohala High School, Grand Canyon University. Early Child hood education, \$2000
2023 Kianni Dodson, Kealakehe High School, Hawaii Pacific University. Nursing. \$2000

Recipients of Keauhou Canoe Club Mike Haines Merit Achievement Scholarship

2011 Micah Tanoai, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Palmer Community College. Fire Science, \$1000
2011 Melanie Wheeler, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Zoology, \$1000
2012 Matelita "Lita" Tamoefolan, Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000
2013 Kalama Freitas, Ke Kula O Ehunuikaimalino, Hawaii Community College, Hawaiian Studies, \$1000
2014 Reid Daugherty, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Meteorology, \$1000
2015 Bethany Barangan, Konawaena High School, Olympic College, Business, \$1000
2016 Aaliyah Butler, Konawaena High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Business, \$1500
2017 Mikki Fujimoto, Konawaena High School, Hawai'i Community College - Pālanui, Nursing, \$1500
2018 Kiana Ng-Ibarra, Konawaena High School, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Undeclared Major, \$1500
2019 Trinity Ballesteros, Kealakehe High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Diesel Mechanics, \$1500
2020 Keilana Crane, Konawaena High School, Hawaii Community College--Palamanui, Liberal Arts/Psychology, \$1500

2021 Anastasia "Kahina" Benbouzid Hewitt, Ke Kula Ehunuikaimalino High School, University of Hawaii Hilo Environmental Studies and Hawaiian Studies \$2500

2022 Lily Matsuoka, Kealahou High School, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nursing \$2000

2023 Noa Riznyk, West Hawaii Explorations Academy, University of Nevada, Reno. Major in business management and minor in environmental studies. \$2000.