



**PACIFIC  
BUDDHIST  
ACADEMY**

Enlightened Learning

*Lighting Our Way*

## **About Us**

An inclusive high school accredited by the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools and Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Pacific Buddhist Academy offers teens of all faith traditions and socioeconomic backgrounds a student-centered, college preparatory curriculum. While Buddhist values are an important part of our educational program, neither students nor staff need be Buddhist, we seek a diverse community. Situated near the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Pali Highway, PBA was the first accredited Buddhist high school in the United States and is the only one in Hawai'i.

## **About Our Honorees**

PBA's Lighting Our Way Banquet recognizes inspirational individuals and organizations who exemplify leadership principles and values of the school such as selfless service to others, gratitude, and compassion. In 2023, we honored immediate past Bishop Rev. Eric Matsumoto and early childhood educator Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Gas Alicia Moy, President of the East-West Center Suzanne Vares-Lum, and non-profit organization Kupu.

## **About Our Guests**

Over 300 corporate, civic officials, community leaders, supporters and members of the PBA 'ohana.

## **The Event**

PBA seniors learn from our inspirational leaders by interviewing and writing brief biographies of them for the Lighting Our Way printed program. Students of all grade levels honor these leaders by presenting honorees with gifts at the event: a taiko performance, for example, or a song, dance, or a work of art. In this way, the banquet is integrated into the curriculum and highlights the school's inquiry-based, collaborative learning opportunities. Participating in the banquet program develops students' critical thinking skills and their appreciation for the inspirational leaders they are privileged to meet. Interviewing honorees gives PBA seniors opportunities to imagine pathways to achievement and peace practice across many professional fields.

## **Sponsorship Levels and Tickets**

Enlightenment	\$25,000
Brilliance	\$10,000
Illumination	\$5,000
Individual Tickets	\$250

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## Previous Honorees



**Dr. Fujio Matsuda**

2012 LOW Honoree  
Former Director of Transportation  
of Hawaii, former President of  
University of Hawaii, and  
community leader



**Les Murakami**

2017 LOW Honoree  
American Baseball Coaches  
Association Hall of Famer



**Robert Witt**

2009 LOW Honoree  
Former Executive Director for 20  
years of the Hawaii Association of  
Independent Schools (HAIS)



**Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng**

2018 LOW Honoree  
Director of the Spark M.  
Matsunaga Institute for Peace and  
Conflict Resolution



**David Lassner**

2022 LOW Honoree  
President  
University of Hawai'i



**Leslie Wilcox**

2019 LOW Honoree  
Retired President and CEO at PBS  
Hawai'i and advisor for many  
philanthropic organizations



**Pacific American Foundation**

2022 LOW Honoree  
dedicated to serving communities  
through education and cultural  
stewardship



**Hawaiian Airlines Team Kokua**

2019 LOW Honoree  
Hawaiian Airlines philanthropic  
organization supports  
communities in the areas of  
culture, education, environment,  
and health & human services



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## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

### **Enlightenment: \$25,000 Title Sponsorship**

- 2 premier tables of 10 guests each
- Parking passes
- Professional photograph of each table for each guest
- 1-page description in the printed program
- A link from the PBA website to your organization website
- Spoken and on-screen recognition at the event
- Complimentary bottle of wine at each table
- A 1-hour taiko drum class for 20 of your employees or friends\*  
\*Schedule to be determined upon availability

### **Brilliance: \$10,000 Table Sponsorship**

- Premier tables of 10 guests
- Parking passes
- Professional photograph of each table for each guest
- Acknowledgment in the printed program
- Spoken and on-screen recognition at the event
- Complimentary bottle of wine at each table
- A 30-minute taiko drum class for 20 of your employees or friends\*  
\*Schedule to be determined upon availability

### **Illumination: \$5,000 Table Sponsorship**

- Reserved table for 10 guests
- Professional photograph of each table for each guest
- Acknowledgment in the printed program
- On-screen recognition at the event

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### We are pleased to have you as a sponsor:

Company/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Pref. method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### Level of Support

Enlightenment - \$25,000  Brilliance - \$10,000  Illumination - \$5,000

Individual Ticket \$250 Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  I would like to make a donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help defray banquet expenses.

### Acknowledgment in printed program:

Please list the table sponsor as: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the table in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment:

Check Enclosed

Credit Card MC or Visa \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle One Credit Card Number Expiration Date Security Code  
Signature Billing Zip Code

### Guest Names: Please provide the names and emails (if available) of the people in your party.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ | <b>6</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____  |
| <b>2</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ | <b>7</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____  |
| <b>3</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ | <b>8</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____  |
| <b>4</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ | <b>9</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____  |
| <b>5</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ | <b>10</b> Name: _____<br>Email: _____ |

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