

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

APRIL 2026



The Spring Thanksgiving Festival was performed on Sunday, April 5

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Craig & Diane Nishida
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Takenoko Sushi, Hilo
Irene Takizawa



CALENDAR

MAY

3 2 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

30 8 am (Internal)
Memorial Day Service

JUNE

7 2 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

JULY

1 - 7 8:30 am - 4 pm
Tanabata wish tags in shrine

13 1 pm
Chinowa ring preparations

14 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 5.

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.

Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu was established in 1952. 2026 marks the 74th year since the *Gobunrei* (essence of the *kami*) was authorized for worship by Dazaifu Tenmangu, Japan and brought to Hawaii.

Shrine President Diane Nishida welcomed



participants and expressed gratitude to Reverends Konomi Nomura and Yasutomo Matsuyoshi 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 who introduced 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

Bryson Goda
Kathy Hamada-Kwock
Stacie Hata
Arden Isa
Art Isa
Arthur Isa
Becky Isa
Charlotte Isa
Tom Jannuzzio
Milton Kwock
Marilyn Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Rory Onishi
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato
Naomi Teramoto

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 15th year and we are delighted to award five extraordinary students.

Ashton Tsu is now a senior at Kaiser High School and will be going to Kapiolani Community College upon graduation. Ashton does not have a dream to pursue yet but hopes to explore options that aligns passions with practical skills.

Shania Riverio is a senior at Waipahu High School. She has been dancing an ancient Miko dance at all the shrines on Oahu since Elementary School. Shania became an avid golfer while watching a golf tournament on TV at this shrine and has since, dedicated herself to competitive golf. Shania will be pursuing her dreams from this Fall of becoming a pediatrician.

Jaysha Lynn Yukiko Nomura is preparing to finish her senior year at Punahou this May. She is a competitive gymnast at Rainbow Gymnastics Academy and has been training in the sport for about 10 years. Jaysha has a passion for helping others and plans on pursuing a career in Nursing or Kinesiology in college on the West Coast.

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Past Recipients

Linkin Freitas will be graduating from Kamehameha Schools in May. During his time at Kamehameha, he has been actively involved in Varsity Tennis, where he developed strong teamwork and leadership skills. In the fall, Linkin plans to attend college on the East Coast to pursue his interest in a science-related field.

Dylan Sogawa is a senior at Kaimuki High School and a member of the Varsity Boys Basketball team - 2026 OIA Division champions. Dylan has been a dedicated member of Ryukyu-koku Matsuri Daiko for the past 13 years, where he has shared the Okinawan culture. Dylan will be attending Grand Canyon University, where he will be majoring in Business.

Scholarship Awards

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

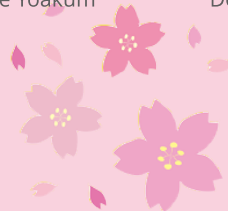
Brendan Choy
Kenji Sugimoto
Nathan Yoshida
Kadin Watanabe
Ellie Ikemura

2024

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

2025

Noah Asato
Dylan Choy
Autumn Ikemura
Maiya Sugimoto



Volunteer Awards 2026



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.

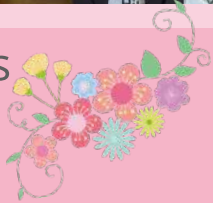
Our deepest gratitude goes out to **Milton**

Kwock, Kathy Hamada-Kwock, Becky Isa and Rory Onishi for their dedication and steadfast support throughout the years.

The 4 recipients have demonstrated a sustained commitment of hundred of hours to the betterment and preservation of the shrine.

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.

Volunteer Awards Past Recipients



2013

Shinken Naitoh
Robert Harada

2016

Tom Jannuzzio

2019

Marilyn Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
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

2025

Kai Igarashi
Jeff Fujioka
Calvin Mai
Stuart Pang

Gokito Private Blessings



Closing the door on a space that held laughter, tears, milestones and memories can be a difficult goodbye.

A Gokito Blessing was performed for a home in the Leeward side to express gratitude for the many wonderful years provided to the owners.

This home was originally blessed by Rev. Takizawa decades ago but now they are more empty bedrooms than occupants.

The owners have decided to bid farewell to Hawaii and enjoy their golden years on the mainland with their children.



A long distance Anzan Kigan was performed for a couple expecting their first child in North Arlington, Virginia.

One of the 7 shrines here at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu is Suitengu Shrine of Kurume, Fukuoka.

Suitengu is renown as the shrine for activities involving water - which in Japanese culture, includes safe births.

Thousands flock to the many Suitengu shrines throughout Japan on the day of the Dog for a Safe Delivery blessings.

Visit our website at www.jinja.us

Festival Prep & Clean-up

Bryson Goda

Kathy Hamada-Kwock

Stacie Hata

Arden Isa

Art Isa

Arthur Isa

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Charlotte Isa

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Linda Shinsato

Naomi Teramoto

Mahalo Nui to everyone that helped to prep, breakdown and clean-up on 4/5.



Maintenance

Aloha State Refrigeration and Air Conditioning was called for servicing and it was discovered that 3 dead geckos caused short circuits on the circuit boards leading to fried components.

The Mitsubishi split

AC unit is about 18 years old but has never had a problem until now.

The new circuit boards will ensure that the AC not operates correctly but also contributes to extending the overall life span of the entire unit.

