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Aloha again - We couldn't resist the opportunity to send out a 'Happy Birthday Shout-Out' to our dear Senator. He would have been 94 today - Happy Birthday, Boss!

With today being the Senator's birthday, we thought we would dedicate this newsletter to what he enjoyed more than anything - spending time and encouraging students and young leaders to always reach for the stars and never settle for second best. Over the years, there were hundreds of interns who worked in our office. They learned much about the lawmaking process and the importance of good constituent service. They walked the halls of the U.S. Senate, researched topics and wrote papers for the Senator (which he read!), and went on to be leaders in all sectors in our community.

Let's start with the awarding of the 2018 McKinley Foundation Senator Dan Inouye Scholarship to Brandy Hitchcock who is a freshman at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ken Inouye, sporting McKinley High School's yellow and black, was on hand to present the scholarship. Students did not know which award they were going to receive which made for an exciting and special evening.



Brandy Hitchcock & Ken Inouye

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In July, the Daniel K. Inouye Institute partnered with the Ted Stevens Foundation and the New York University Brademas Center to host the last event of the 2018 Young Leaders Network on Capitol Hill. Of course, it included lunch and was limited to summer interns and fellows on Capitol Hill, experiencing democracy in action (or not!).



The title of our event, *Is Bipartisan Defense Policy a Thing of the Past?* was a dialogue with our own Charlie Houy, former Staff Director of Senate Appropriations Committee for Chair Inouye and Steve Cortese, former Staff Director of the Senate Appropriations Committee for Chair Stevens. CNN Politics Digital Reporter, Meagan Vazquez served as the moderator. It was a fitting and timely discussion, given the rancor and divisive rhetoric which has become commonplace in our nation's Capitol.



Steve Cortese, moderator Meagan Vazquez, and Charlie Houy

Charlie and Steve talked about the personal friendship of Inouye and Stevens. Grounded in their World War II experiences, the two senators focused on what they could agree on - such as supporting the men and women of the armed forces and making sure they are adequately resourced to defend our nation, and then return home safely to their families. Notwithstanding who was the Chair, defense policy and budget decisions were steady. That said, the two senators voted together, at most, 10 percent of the time. As Senator Inouye would say, "We disagreed without being disagreeable." Charlie and Steve shared funny stories about their travels together and about the salmon in Inouye's freezer and the macadamia nuts in Stevens' pantry.



It was a full house with an active question & answer period, ending with an aspirational hope that there be a return to bipartisanship and civility.

Since the Senator's passing at the end of 2012, the Government of Japan has annually funded the TOMODACHI Inouye Scholars which sends 100 American college students to Japan and 100 Japanese college students to America as a youth and cultural exchange program.



For the 2017-18 school year, four American colleges were selected to travel to a partner college in Japan, and whose students then traveled to the U.S. They included: Loyola Marymount University - Sophia University; George Washington University - University of Ryukyus; University of St. Thomas - Fukushima University; and Hendrix College - University of Hiroshima & Yamaguchi University.



In previous years, the University of Hawaii at Manoa and at Hilo participated in this wonderful program. We are most grateful to the Japanese government for honoring the Senator's contributions to deepen and strengthen U.S. - Japan relations in this way. It is truly a living and growing legacy. Simple math would suggest that about 1000 students, Japanese and American, have learned about Senator Inouye and his love for his country, the United States, and that of the home of his ancestors. And, the importance of learning from different countries and cultures, finding commonality and friendships to last a lifetime.

Lastly, the Inouye family was honored when the Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies (APCSS) at Fort DeRussy was named for the Senator. After visiting a similar center in Europe in the early 1990's, Senator returned to Hawaii, convinced that we needed such a center for the Pacific. And, that was it!



Today, the DKI APCSS is a valued asset of the U.S. INDO-PACIFIC Command. It is a U.S. Department of Defense executive education institute that addresses regional and global security issues, invites military and civilian representatives of the United States and Asia-Pacific nations to participate in comprehensive executive education courses and workshops, both in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. They sit as "students" side-by-side, some from nations with whom they may not have good relations. But, all of that is "left at the door." Many who come in as mid-level officers have gone on to lead their nation's military and diplomatic corps, benefiting from the friendships made at DKI APCSS.

In honor of the naming, in 2015, the DKI Institute established an endowment to support some of the Center's interns who were volunteering in the Regional Security Studies Program. The Inouye Fellowship is a modest stipend, targeted to Hawaii students interested in international relations or a diplomatic career. About 3 students are selected each year - Fall, Spring and Summer by a wonderful committee of volunteers: Lauren Moriarty, Pat Loui and Brennon Morioka and administered by Lori Leong of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR). Thank you so much for your careful screening and selection.



We began in 2016 with Nazeedah Khan (University of Hawaii), Angelina Mendes (University of Leeds) and Elsei Tellei (University of Hawaii). In 2017, our Fellows were: Sakaria Auelua-Toomey (University of Hawaii), Kim Roy (Brigham Young University), Erik Morinaga (University of Pennsylvania) and Katie Pham (University of Hawaii). In 2018 our interns were Ariel Stenek (Queen Mary, University of London), and Jonathan Cham (Clermont Graduate University.) Deadline for applications for the Fall fellowship is in a few weeks.

Happy Birthday, Dan, Boss, Dad! With these students and their many and continuing achievements, we are indeed carrying your legacy of hope and public service forward. Thank you all for your faithful support.

Aloha,
Irene, Jennifer and Ken

