



DANIEL K. INOUYE  
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Aloha Dear Friends,

The holiday season is upon us! 2018 has blown by with many successful programs, events and namings honoring our beloved senator.



We have two heartwarming events which round out the year to share with you. The Daniel K. Inouye Institute partnered with the Hawaii International Film Festival to launch an inaugural middle and high school student short film contest with students exploring and interpreting themes from the senator's historic keynote speech from the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, delivered more than 50 years ago. <https://dkii.org/speeches/democratic-national-convention-keynote-address>

Participating young filmmakers chose from 1 of 4 themes – “Patriotism,” “Action,” “Looking to the Future,” or “Aloha” coming from the speech, and produced a 3-minute video. They could produce their entries individually or in small groups. The goal was to encourage civic engagement, dialogue and expression through creative filmmaking. 1968 was a most tumultuous time which tested the strength of our nation's democracy – from an explosive civil rights movement to an unpopular Vietnam War. Fifty years later, there are new civil rights challenges, and conflicts abound around the world. What similarities do our young people see? Have we progressed as a nation and what are their hopes and fears for the future?



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The DKII student films were presented at the 38th Annual Hawaii International Film Festival in a special screening on Saturday, November 17th at the Regal Dole Cannery theaters. It was a wonderful display of budding talent on the big screen.

From Dole, the student filmmakers, their parents and chaperones gathered at the Wai Wai Collective in Moiliili for the awards ceremony. Irene Inouye was on hand to open the program and join special guest Harry Shum, Jr. in the presentation of the second place award to Tadashi Kamiya of Hawaii Buddhist Academy and first place to Magnolia Basoc of McKinley High School (the senator's alma mater!). Take a moment and watch the videos, "Rise Up" by Magnolia -- <https://youtu.be/UEcVXnKvDHY> and "With Respect to Daniel K. Inouye" by Tadashi -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc1640hk0vI>. They are thoughtful, creative and inspiring.

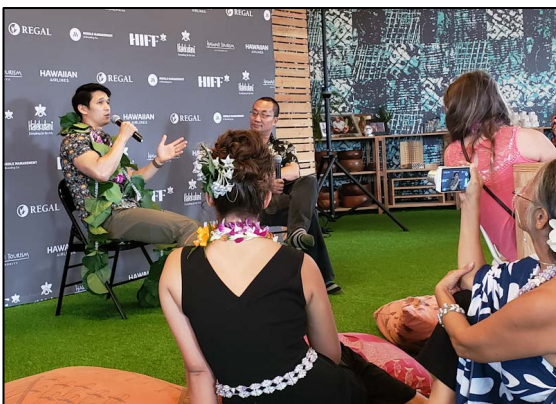


First Place Winner -- Magnolia Basoc



Second Place Winner -- Tadashi Kamiya

The audience was then treated to a very special interview with Harry Shum, Jr., actor in GLEE, SHADOWHUNTERS and CRAZY RICH ASIANS, with moderator Phil Chung, acclaimed screenwriter and producer and co-founder with Justin Lin of You Offend Me You Offend My Family (YOMYOMF). Harry shared his humble beginnings, his start as a dancer and rise to stardom as an actor. He answered all the questions posed to him by the students, followed by photos, selfies, Instagram and facebook posts and of course tweets! A wonderful time was had by all.





We capped off the day with an extraordinary dinner at Piggy Smalls with Harry Shum, Jr., his wife Shelby Rabara, Phil Chung, HIFF Creative Director Anderson Le, with surprise guests Awkwafina (comedian actress in OCEAN'S 8 and CRAZY RICH ASIANS) and Amy Hill (actress in MAGNUM PI and 50 FIRST DATES). Amazing food and company with executive chef Andrew Le and his amazing team coming out for a bow and some photos. Thank you to the Hawaii International Film Festival ohana for an outstanding inaugural event – Watch for us next year!



On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Matson's DANIEL K. INOUYE -- <https://www.matson.com/aloha-class.html> -- sailed into the Port of Honolulu. Christened in Philadelphia at the end of June with Irene Inouye as the ship's sponsor, it is the largest containership ever built in the U.S., and the newest, biggest and fastest vessel in the Matson fleet.



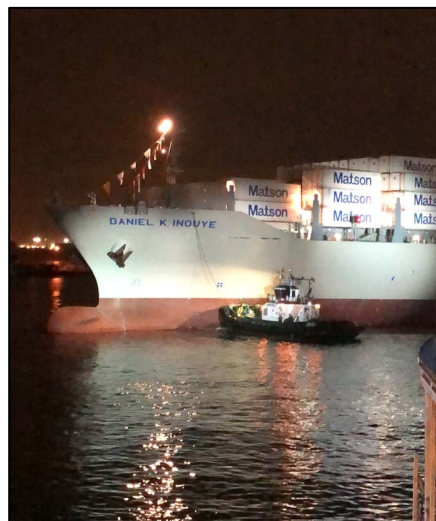
A beautiful welcome ceremony and reception was held in the late afternoon of November 30<sup>th</sup> for their employees, customers and friends. There were tours of the vessel which included eight flights of stairs to the captain's office and the bridge, with velcro on almost everything to ensure that refrigerator doors, bathroom items, do not fly open or off during turbulent seas.



As the sponsor, Irene presented as her gift to the ship, the senator's Distinguished Service Cross medal and certificate which is the second highest award a member of the U.S. Army can receive for "extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force." It proudly hangs on the ship as a simple reminder for the crew – a mantra of heroism and honor – from their namesake. The Honolulu Star Advertiser ran a story the next morning about the event and medal gift.



A vigilant supporter of the Jones Act, Senator believed in a strong U.S. maritime sector to both ensure the steady and uninterrupted movement of cargo domestically and internationally, as well as to support our nation's military in time of need. He also believed it was important to maintain a U.S. industrial shipbuilding base for both civilian and military vessels, and hence the requirement that U.S. vessels be built in the U.S. and crewed primarily by Americans. With the unease being caused by an aggressive China and a volatile North Korea in our region, the need for the Jones Act remains imperative.



The DANIEL K. INOUE pulled out of port at 8:00 pm on November 30<sup>th</sup>, headed to the West Coast to deliver its cargo, and then return to the islands with a full load. It was a proud and a bit of a tearful moment as we watched the large and imposing vessel depart and the words DANIEL K. INOUE slowly fade from view. Mahalo plenty to Matson for bestowing such a lasting honor.

We thank you all for your continuing support and kindness over the years. We wish you a joyous holiday season, as we say a prayer for peace on earth and goodwill to all. As we say in Hawaii, Mele Kalikimaka and Ha'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year....

Irene, Kenny and Jennifer