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Let's Celebrate

Please join us as we gather to celebrate 'Imi Ho'ōla's 45th Anniversary!

Please click on the link below to register, sponsor a student seat, or donate to the 'Imi Ho'ōla Enhancement fund at <https://45thimihoola.eventbrite.com>

For more information contact Kim Yamauchi at kimy@hwaii.edu

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
45TH ANNIVERSARY OF

'IMI HO'ŌLA

August 25, 2018 • 5:30 PM

Willow's Restaurant
901 Hausten Street Honolulu, HI 96826
\$75 per person
Includes buffet dinner & valet parking
No Host Bar, Aloha Attire

TO RSVP, GO TO 45thImiHoola.eventbrite.com
BY AUGUST 15
Limited seating available

All direct proceeds will benefit the 'Imi Ho'ōla Program

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In this segment, we would like to highlight 'Imi alumni who are living the mission



*John Masga Tudela, M.D.
Imi Ho'ola Class of 1997
JABSOM Class of 2001*

Dr. John Masga Tudela is of Chamorro descent and was born and raised on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). After graduating from Marianas High School, Dr. Tudela received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He moved to Hawai'i to pursue a career in medicine, completed 'Imi in 1997, and graduated from the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) in 2001. Dr. Tudela completed his Internal Medicine residency at Legacy Emanuel and Good Samaritan Hospitals, Portland, Oregon. From 2004-2008, Dr. Tudela served as Active Duty in the U.S. Air Force. His career led him to practice on Hawai'i Island at the Kona Community Hospital and Ali'i Health Center.

Dr. Tudela moved home to Saipan in 2013 and is now serving as the Chief Medical Officer and Internal Medicine Staff at the Commonwealth Health

Center on Saipan. He is currently a hospitalist caring for patients in the medical, surgical, and ICU wards. He treats a diverse variety of patients from diverse cultures, but the majority of his patients are Chamorro and Carolinian, the indigenous peoples of Saipan. He has dedicated his career to treating patients from this severely underserved area in the Pacific.

Dr. Tudela continues to work closely with JABSOM and was appointed CNMI Director for the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands. He continues to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel and was appointed commander of the 624th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at the Andersen Air Force Base on Guam in 2016

Mahalo, si yu'us ma'ase, & olomway to Dr. Tudela for all you do to help, heal, and inspire the people of the CNMI!

Fun Facts: The Northern Mariana Islands are a group of 22 islands and islets in the Pacific located between Taiwan, Japan, and the Federated States of Micronesia. Saipan is the capital of the CNMI with a population of 48,220 per the 2010 U.S. Census. For more information about the CNMI goto: <https://www.britannica.com/place/Northern-Mariana-Islands>

'Imi Ho'ōla would like to take this time to remember two individuals who have served our students and communities over the years.



DR. BHAGAVAN

JABSOM and 'Imi Ho'ōla are mourning the loss of Dr. N.V. "Ram" Bhagavan, who passed away in June. Dr. Bhagavan played an integral role in teaching medical biochemistry to 'Imi students and has inspired many students over the years. His dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to the 'Imi Ho'ōla Program will never be forgotten.

Please click on the link below to read more about Dr. Bhagavan's contributions to 'Imi and JABSOM. <http://jabsom.hawaii.edu/dr-n-v-ram-bhagavan-university-of-hawai%CA%BBi-medical-school-remembers-a-professor-repeatedly-honored-for-excellence-in-teaching-whose-special-passion-was-for-disadvantaged-or-underserved-stu/>



MR. AUGUST YEE

'Imi Ho'ōla would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the 'Ohana of Mr. August Yee who passed on June 29, 2018. August served on our 'Imi Advisory Board since 1980 and directly affected the lives of our 'Imi Alumni. His dedication to our program will always be remembered.

Where are you now?



In our efforts to update our 'Imi Ho'ōla Alumni Database, we have created a Google Form that can be used to update your information. Please complete the 'Imi Ho'ōla Alumni Contact Form at

<https://goo.gl/forms/xSNHG2uF81zMxMYp1>

This is one of the ways we are able to learn more about all the things our 'Imi alumni have accomplished and a way to share 'Imi updates and future events.

'Imi Ho'ōla Rural Shadowing Experience



Dr. William Thomas, Moloka'i General Hospital with 'Imi Ho'ōla Class of 2018 graduates Jester Galiza and Ken Stridiron.

As part of our Phase III Prematriculation curriculum, 'Imi Ho'ōla sends students to shadow clinicians in rural communities throughout Hawai'i. This 1-week shadowing experience provides students with the opportunity observe physicians in rural communities and introduces them to primary care. Students gain an awareness of the patient as a person and a family member as well as creating a bond with the communities they are serving. Exposure to these communities is essential to meeting the ultimate goal of 'Imi to improve the health care in Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin by increasing the number of physicians that will return and practice in underserved communities.

The program would like to send our heartfelt mahalo to all the physicians who have graciously opened their clinic doors and, at times, their homes to our students over the years: Hawai'i Island:

Drs. Carlos Abeyta, Brenda Camacho, Darrett Choy, Buddy Festerling, Natalie Kehau Kong, Michelle Shimizu, & Brian Wilson, Kaua'i: Dr. Douglas Duvauchelle, Maui: Drs. Derek Illastron & Arlene Ricalde, Moloka'i: Dr. William Thomas, & O'ahu: Drs. Reni Soon, Ming Tim-Sing, & Kelli-Ann Voloch. Mahalo to all those who have supported our students over the years.

Jester Galiza, a current 'Imi alumni reflected about his experience in Molokai with Dr. Thomas, "I left my rural shadowing experience with a renewed sense of appreciation for the intricacies of primary care medicine. From modifying treatment plans in order to improve compliance to leveraging an entire family in order to improve health outcomes, the power to effect sustainable change in a community lies in the gray and mucky parts of healthcare. I look forward to getting my hands dirty towards this endeavor."

Welcome 'Imi Class of 2019

From Left to Right (top row): Krystal Anderson, James DeJesus, IV, Kamuela Andrade, Bree Kaneakua, Weiming Du, & Marjorie Daria

(bottom row): Sharon Wong, Natalie Subia, Jenna Maligro, Tana Ramos, Lynn Nguyen, & Bianca Calio



'Imi Class of 2018!!

Congratulations to the 11 students from the 'Imi Ho'ōla Class of 2018! For more information about this class go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5FPU2r7MB4>

Photos from the 2018 completion ceremony can be found on the JABSOM flickr page at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/uhmed/sets/72157697456388324/with/42753643972/>

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This is a great way to support the Friends of 'Imi Ho'ōla with the click of a button! Mahalo for your Support!

