



# 'IMI HO'ŌLA

A Newsletter for the 'Imi Ho'ōla 'Ohana

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## Alumni Highlight



'Imi Class of 1997  
JABSOM Class of 2001

### Dr. David M.K. Mattson, Jr.

Dr. David Mattson, Jr. was raised in Nu'uuanu Valley where he lived with his family and his grandparents. He then went on to attend Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama and graduated in 1989. Dr. Mattson attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and received his Bachelor of Arts in Ceramic Art. After completing the 'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program he successfully received his Doctor of Medicine from the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) in 2001.

There were several people that inspired him on his path to medicine. The first was his dentist and family friend, Dr. Walter Ching, who encouraged him to pursue a career in the medical profession. Another major inspiration and influence for him was seeing his uncle, Dr. Gerard Akaka ('Imi Alumnus) graduate from JABSOM the same year he graduated from high school. Seeing his uncle become a physician helped him

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Post-Baccalaureate Program.

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believe that he could become a physician as well.

Dr. Mattson completed a one-year general surgery internship at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York (NY) and a two-year research fellowship in radiation oncology at the Radiation Oncology Sciences Program at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health main campus in Bethesda, Maryland. He then completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Iowa (IA) Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA and was recruited as the Director of the Breast Program in Radiation Medicine at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY.

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# 'Imi in the News



Drs. Lee and Kanagusuku with HNN host Kanoe Gibson and crew filming of the HNN segment on 'Imi Ho'ōla

'Imi Ho'ōla was featured on HNN on their segment "Doctors and Discoveries" which was sponsored by the University Health Partners of Hawai'i (UHP) and JABSOM. These segments highlighted various programs and the physician shortage in Hawai'i. The segment titled "Boot camp for doctors; How medical training in Hawai'i is changing" aired on December 17 and 22, 2018, at 6 pm on KHNL. For those that were not able to watch this segment, you can click on the link below.

<https://www.hinowdaily.com/boot-camp-for-doctors-how-medical-training-in-hawaii-is-changing/>

Mahalo to Dr. Winona Lee, Director of 'Imi Ho'ōla and Dr. Leimomi Kanagusuku 'Imi Class of 2014 for starring in this segment. Dr. Kanagusuku graduated from JABSOM in 2018 and is a current 1st-year Resident in the University of Hawai'i Family Medicine Residency Program. Doctor and Discoveries segments highlighting other JABSOM programs can be found at

<https://www.hinowdaily.com/channel/medical/>

## MidWeek



Dr. Aldrich Ricalde  
'Imi Class of 2011  
JABSOM Class of 2015

Dr. Aldrich Alden Ricalde was highlighted in the December 5, 2018 issue of the Midweek. The article, "A Simple Start to Better Health" highlights his passion to care for his patients and assist them to better health as an Internist at Straub Clinic at Pearlridge.

When asked how 'Imi has helped him, Dr. Ricalde shared,

*"While 'Imi truly afforded me with a number of valuable learning skills necessary to succeed in my medical training, it was the unconditional support of my teachers and classmates in 'Imi that have led me to where I am today. The daunting challenges of a career in medicine frequently cast self-doubt in an individual, but it was during these times that I remembered how my teachers and classmates always believed in me throughout the 'Imi program. Their genuine encouragement instilled within me both a self-confidence and a humility to never forget where I came from, and these enabled me to persevere and gain the privilege of currently serving my community as a primary care physician."*

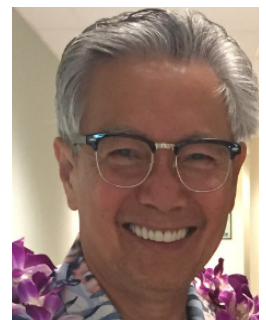
Please click on the link below to see the article

<http://midweek.com/pdf/MidWeek/2018/1205/>

Mahalo Dr. Ricalde for your dedication to our communities!

We had the distinct honor of hosting Dr. Seang Seng, 'Imi Ho'ōla Class of 1982, Family Medicine physician, and author of "Starving Season." Dr. Seng shared his inspirational story of unspeakable tragedy and the resiliency of the human spirit. We are so grateful to him for reminding us of what truly matters...family and serving your purpose! Click here to view his Hawaii News Now (HNN) interview:

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/video/2019/03/06/seang-seng-helping-bury-dead-cambodian-killing-fields-exchange-food/>



# Dr. Mattson

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As the Assistant Professor with the Department of Radiation Medicine at Roswell Park and as the Director of the Gynecological and Gastrointestinal Programs in Radiation Medicine, Dr. Mattson oversees the department's radiation care for patients from all walks of life including indigent populations, those from the inner city, and patients from the surrounding Native American communities. He is also the Director of the Brachytherapy Program, where he is responsible for overseeing the use of radioactive isotopes in cancer treatment. Dr. Mattson also serves as the Director of the Residency Training Program in radiation Medicine where he assists with selecting residents, advocating for them during training, and helping Residents find positions when they complete the program. In addition, he is involved with the Faculty Leadership Program. The program was established to serve as a supporting body for postgraduate medical education through the University at Buffalo's Office of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Mattson sits on numerous committees and serves as an advocate on behalf of students and educators.

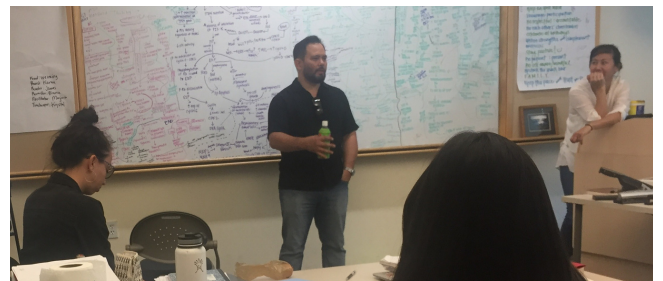
Dr. Mattson, his wife, and family have expressed how very blessed they have been over the years. In an effort to become more involved in their community, they established a non-profit family foundation called [Ohana100](#). Through this program, they acknowledge the importance of family and relationships in its success and emphasize the importance of always giving your best or 100% of your effort. The foundation provides free books to children throughout local communities as well as to youth around the world. To date, they have given out over 125,000 books to communities in New York, Hawai'i, and the Philippines. In addition to providing books to increase youth literacy, the program sends regular readers out to schools, participates in community programs that promote education and literacy, and annually hosts a summer service camp for children.



Drs. Lee, Mattson, & Tim Sing after speaking to the current 'Imi class



**Mahalo nui loa, Dr. Mattson for all of your service work and for being a role model to those that follow in your footsteps.**



Dr. Mattson speaking to current 'Imi class

*“As many things as I am involved with, and as busy as I am, I enjoy doing all of it and I am glad to do more if I can because this work is so fulfilling. I am thankful for this opportunity I've been given to serve people through medicine and medical research, my department, the University, and the broader community through our family foundation. And I look forward to doing more.”*

*- Dr. David Mattson, Jr.*



# Faculty Highlight

## 'Imi alumni

The 'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program would like to take this time to thank our faculty alumni for all that they do for our students and for the 'Imi Ho'ōla program! Drs. Voloch and Tim Sing are 'Imi alumni that have demonstrated their dedication to the program by returning to teach while maintaining their clinical practices. Their skills and experience are invaluable to our students. The 'Imi motto of, "Once an 'Imi, always an 'Imi" is exemplified in all that they do.

**Mahalo for your passion and dedication to our students, patients, and the communities you serve!**



**Dr. Kelli-Ann Frank Voloch**  
'Imi Class of 1993  
JABSOM Class of 1997

**Raised:** Makakilo, Oahu

**High School:** Kamehameha Schools Kapālama

**Instructor:** Humanities in Medicine (formerly SBOM)

**Specialty:** Pediatrics

**Clinic:** Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

**Why teach at 'Imi?** It is an honor to be able to return to the program that helped my dream of becoming a physician become a reality.

It is my goal to inspire the next generation of healers to honor their 'ohana and to treat people with love, compassion, and humility regardless of their ability to pay.



**Dr. Patrice Ming Tim Sing**  
'Imi Class of 1989  
JABSOM Class of 1993

**Raised:** Hilo, Hawai'i

**High School:** Kamehameha Schools Kapālama

**Instructor:** Medical Biology

**Specialty:** Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

**Clinic:** Kaiser Permanente Hawaii Kai

**Why teach at 'Imi?** Teaching at the same program that put me on a firm path to medicine is a means of fulfilling my kuleana (responsibility). I mahalo my family, mentors, teachers, and colleagues through the teaching of medical biology and clinical medicine. My greatest hope is that those who follow will share the same sense of kuleana by giving back with Aloha.

## Where Are You Now?

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.



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Contact Dr. Kelli-Ann Voloch at [IHALumni@hawaii.edu](mailto:IHALumni@hawaii.edu) or call (808) 692-1029 to update your contact phone number, email address, and practice location.

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