



Kalāheo High School Foundation

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OUR MISSION

To promote student achievement and academic excellence with funds to support curriculum and to improve the school's built and natural environment.

This mission is based on the premise that the quality of a school's curriculum and of its buildings and grounds affect student learning, parent involvement, and the broader community's ongoing engagement with a school.

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Dear Kalāheo High School Alumni,

As Kalāheo High School celebrates its 50th anniversary this school year, the Kalāheo High School Foundation (KHSF) has undertaken a 9/11 Memorial Landscaping Project to make much-needed improvements to an on-campus memorial site which has special significance to the Kalāheo 'ohana and Kailua community.

Several years ago in front of A-Building, a memorial tree and granite marker were placed to honor Kalāheo alumna and arborist Christine Snyder who, on that fateful day, was aboard United Flight 93 which crashed in Pennsylvania. Each year on the school day closest to September 11, the school's Student Government and NJROTC conduct a remembrance ceremony to honor all victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks, first responders, and survivors. The annual ceremony is attended by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other members of the community.

However, with patchy grass, bare dirt, and considerable foot traffic, the grounds do not befit the memorial. Seeking improvements, a KHSF committee consulted landscape architect Stephen Mechler (ASLA) who offered *pro bono* expertise. As a result, we have a professionally designed plan which has been approved by the DOE. For ground preparation, irrigation, concrete hardscape, stone benches, a variety of plants, and additional trees, the estimated cost is \$80,000—\$60,000 for concrete/hardscape and \$20,000 for irrigation, plants, grass, and stone benches.

With seating and other elements evoking an outdoor room, our project will create a landscape appropriate for the memorial, improve visual aesthetics, set the standard for other campus improvements, and be appropriately maintained. It will remind all of us that we must never forget the world-changing event that reached across a continent and half an ocean to personally affect so many in our Kailua community.

Through the Hawai'i Community Foundation, we have received a \$15,000 grant from Harold K.L. Castle Foundation's Koolau Pilina Fund. A few former faculty members have already contributed \$21,000 with individual donations from \$100 to \$7,000. Notably, the Class of 1983 donated \$3,000 at their recent 40th reunion event. A philanthropist in our community has donated a \$10,000 matching fund which will double your donation.

We invite all alumni to help achieve our \$80,000 goal, and we challenge graduating classes to meet or exceed the Class of 1983's donation. Construction will begin in late-June. Your financial support can ensure that construction will be completed well in advance of a planned dedication and donor recognition event to be held on or before September 11, 2024.

Thank you for your past and present support of the Kalāheo High School Foundation.

With aloha,

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Retired Kalāheo Teacher
KHSF President

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Kalāheo High School Foundation News — March 2024

9/11 Memorial Landscaping Project is good to go!

As Kalāheo High School Foundation (KHSF) continues to raise funds, the relandscaping of the entire area around the existing 9/11 memorial tree in front of A-Building will start in late-June, beginning with installing an irrigation system and pouring a large area of concrete. A variety of new plants and stone benches will be added over the following weeks.

To create landscaping befitting the existing 9/11 memorial tree honoring Kalāheo alumna and 9/11 victim Christine Snyder, the improvement project was initiated three years ago by KHSF board member James L. Schlosser who is a former Kalāheo principal and was temporary principal during COVID. The significance of the site is expanded to honor 9/11 victims, first responders, and survivors.

Answers to frequently asked questions

- A&K Landscaping has been contracted for this project. A&K are Alika and Kainoa Peterson, both Kalāheo alumni.
- The overall goal is to create surroundings appropriate for a memorial, improve visual aesthetics, set the standard for other much-needed campus improvements, and remind all to never forget the world-changing event that reached across a continent and half an ocean to personally affect so many in our community.
- See **next page** for landscape architect Stephen Mechler’s hardscape and planting plans.
- Of our \$80,000 goal, approximately \$60,000 has been from non-profit grants, former Kalāheo faculty and staff, the Class of 1983 Reunion, KHSF Board members, and other individual supporters.
- **YES**, additional funds are needed. Please support this legacy project which is built to last as a venue for reflection and contemplation, an outdoor room for varied events, and a source of school pride.



Kalāheo High School Foundation —9/11 Memorial Landscaping Project

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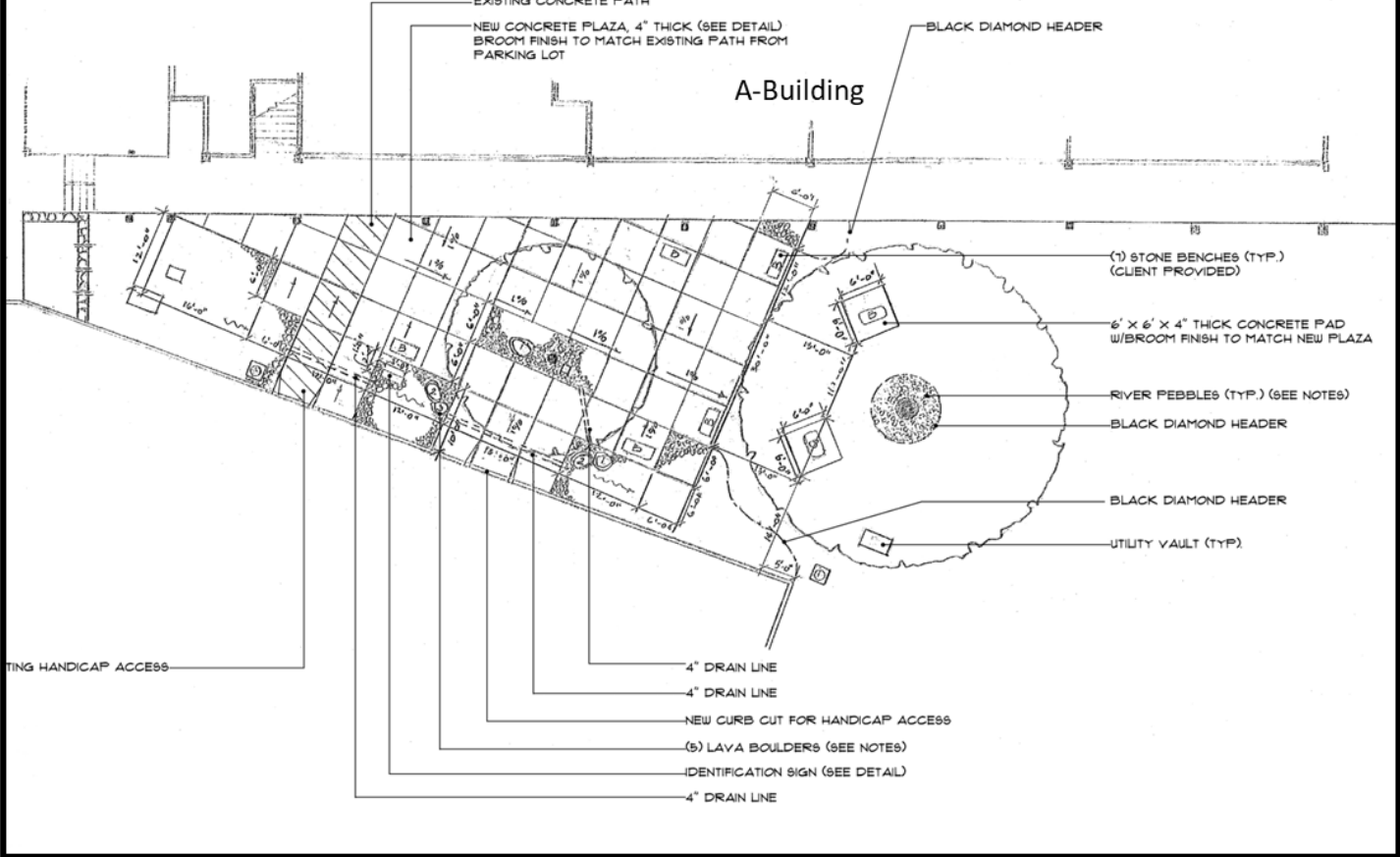
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Mahalo nui loa for your support!

HARDSCAPE PLAN



Design created *pro bono* by Stephen Mechler, ASLA President, THE MECHLER CORPORATION, Landscape Architecture.

PLANTING PLAN

