

**Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
Mark I. Yamada
Research Corporation of the University of Hawai`i
Governor's Message No. 398**

**TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, VICE-CHAIR, AND
THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION:**

My name is Mark I. Yamada and thank you for this opportunity to present my background in your consideration of my confirmation as a member of the board of directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai`i (RCUH).

I was born and raised in Kalihi and I graduated from W.R. Farrington High School. I attended and graduated from Claremont McKenna College in California, majoring in Economics-Accounting/Math.

After returning from California, I started my career in Hawaii, worked in Japan for eight years and returned to Hawaii to raise my children here. Over the past 20+ years, I have worked in various positions related to accounting, finance, marketing and administration. I have worked in industries as diverse as public accounting, wireless telecommunications and internet, and food manufacturing. I worked at a Fortune 500 company, I held directorships at a couple of Japanese companies, I worked at a start-up and now I work at a locally-owned and managed company that just celebrated its 80th anniversary. Since 2007, I have been employed at Hawaiian Host, Inc. and, presently, I am the company's Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer.

Although I lived away from Hawaii for college and for part of my working career, I have always thought of Hawaii as my home. Since I began working at Hawaiian Host, Inc., I have developed a deeper appreciation for the various industries that are vital to the economic well-being of Hawaii, and for the government's and private sector's efforts to ensure sustainability for future generations. I believe it is through research and development that we will be able to find solutions to help the next generation survive and thrive.

With my background and experiences, I believe that I can make a contribution as a member of the board of directors of the RCUH.

Response to Committee Questions:

1) Why do you wish to be a member of RCUH's board of directors?

I think RCUH contributes to making the University of Hawai`i a leader in research among universities. I find the challenge of being a part of such an organization to be appealing. I want to learn more about the projects RCUH is involved and become a contributor in facilitating research and development in Hawaii.

- 2) The fundamental mission of RCUH is to support the research and training programs of the University of Hawaii and to enhance research, development and training in Hawaii. How do you perceive your role and responsibilities as a member of RCUH's board of directors?**

The challenge of any board member is to obtain the right balance of knowledge. A board member is responsible to make decisions with only a certain amount of data but, at the same time, a board member should not handicap management by micromanaging every decision and action. As a board member of RCUH, I believe it would be my role to understand and assess the significant projects that RCUH is supporting to ensure that they fit the mission of RCUH and to assure that RCUH is fiscally responsible and self-sustaining.

- 3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of RCUH's board of directors, why do you believe you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid your decision-making ability as a member of RCUH's board of directors.**

I hope to draw upon my experiences in high tech industries along with my finance and accounting background when making decisions as a board member. Previously, I served as a board member of a couple of wireless telecommunication companies in Japan. I think my experience with my present company's board of directors will help me find this right balance of knowledge.

- 4) What role, if any, do you see RCUH playing in the State's effort to recover from the current economic crisis?**

I believe the research and development of new technologies and processes can be an engine of growth for our State's economy. At a minimum, R&D activities generate jobs and create a demand for supporting services. The commercialization of successful R&D findings will create new industries or enhance existing ones.

- 5) Do you have any real or perceived conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the board of directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, and how would you overcome any possible conflicts of interests?**

I understand that when it comes to conflicts of interests appearances are reality. Presently, I do not believe I have any real or perceived conflicts of interest. If one does arise during my term, I would bring it the attention of the Chairman of the Board of RCUH and recuse myself from discussions and voting on such matters.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Yabada

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Testimony
Senate Committee on Higher Education
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
State Capitol, Conference Room 329
1:15 p.m.

by
Michael Hamnett, Executive Director
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

RE: Governor's Message 398

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee **Mark I. Yamada**, for a term to expire 6/30/2014.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) supports the appointment of Mr. Mark Yamada to the RCUH Board of Directors.

Although we are not personally acquainted with Mr. Yamada, his experience in the business arena will be helpful to RCUH in carrying out its mission of supporting the research enterprise at the University of Hawaii and in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senate Committee on Higher Education

Hearing Date: April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m.

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 398: Nomination of Mark I. Yamada to the Board of
Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I wish to offer my testimony in support of the nomination of Mark Yamada to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Mark Yamada for the past three years through my involvement as a director of Hawaiian Host, Inc. Mark is a talented and capable young executive who will bring valuable skills and talents to the RCUH Board. Hawaiian Host is a company that is engaged in economic activity both nationally and internationally and Mark has proven himself to have the ability to manage the diverse challenges such a company is required to contend with. Mark has lived and done business in Japan for several years before returning to Hawaii. Through his varied experiences in Japan he has developed a broad international perspective and global insights. His Japanese business experiences are particularly relevant since he was involved with the technology and telecommunications sector and, most recently, was deeply involved with a Japanese wireless start-up venture. That experience will be especially valuable to RCUH as it provides leadership and guidance to the University of Hawaii on matters involving technology and innovation.

Finally, Mark's accounting background will be a boon to the RCUH Board as his technical knowledge and understanding of financial reporting and the increasing complex issues related thereto.

There is no doubt in my mind that RCUH will be served well by Mark's service on the Board of Directors. I therefore encourage you to act favorably upon his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colbert M. Matsumoto".

Colbert M. Matsumoto
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cc: Mark I. Yamada

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**Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hearing Date: April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m.**

April 8, 2010

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 398: Nomination of Mark I. Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is my honor and privilege to submit my testimony supporting the nomination of Mr. Mark Yamada to serve on the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii ("RCUH"). I have known Mr. Yamada for the past three years, since he joined Hawaiian Host, Inc., where I serve as president. During that time, we have worked together very closely and I have gotten to know Mark well.

I believe that there are several qualities one must possess to be an effective member of a board of directors. Foremost among these are: (1) fiduciary responsibility to represent the interests of the entity; (2) knowledge of organizational governance; and (3) professional experience and competence. Through my experience working directly with Mark, I can state without hesitation that he possesses all of these qualities.

In his role as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Hawaiian Host, Inc., he has carried out his fiduciary responsibilities to the corporation with utmost integrity. He has kept our company in strong financial condition, protected our resources, and ensured the accuracy of our financial systems and reporting. During his tenure with the company, he has always kept the company's interests first and foremost in his actions and decisions.

As part of his role in the company, Mark attends all Board of Directors meetings. He has been intimately involved in seeing through a number of board proposals, resolutions, and other actions. Through this work, he has displayed the ability to adhere to our corporate articles and by-laws with propriety and effectiveness. Our board activities involve not only regular meetings, but also the work of several committees.

Mark is also the consummate professional, who brings a strong knowledge base and deep commitment to his work. His ability to effectively address and solve a variety of issues stems from a solid educational background and diverse work experience. His business background includes finance, telecommunications, technology, manufacturing, and packaged foods. These combined career experiences will certainly benefit the RCUH.

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During my long career I have worked with many outstanding individuals. Among them Mark stands out – not only as a professional gifted with intelligence and integrity – but also as a good person. Family life and community are important to him. He has served as President of the Iolani Ohana (parent association) and currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

In summary, I believe that Mark will be an outstanding addition to the RCUH Board of Directors and will help the organization achieve its mission and goals. I fully support his nomination and encourage the Committee on Higher Education to do the same.

Respectfully & Sincerely,



Keith M. Sakamoto
President



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The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, strives to strengthen our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i. The Center features a Community and Historical Gallery, Resource Center, Kenshikan martial arts dojō, Seikōn Japanese teahouse, Gift Shop and Grand Ballroom.

DATE: April 8, 2010

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Lenny Yajima Andrew, President/Executive Director
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i

SUBJECT: GM 398 Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee MARK ITARU YAMADA
(Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 329)

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Good afternoon Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. I am submitting testimony in strong support of Mark Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.

Mark has served on the Cultural Center's Board of Governors for the past two years. In his first year, he was tapped to be the overall co-chair of our largest fundraising event, the Celebration of Leadership and Achievement Dinner. The function honors island leaders, businesses and organizations that make a difference for the better in our community. In varying years, 600 to 1,000 people have attended the event which also holds a large silent auction that has raised over \$100,000 net. This event is vital to the financial well being for our organization. Mark will be taking on this huge responsibility again for us this year.

The Board of Governors advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding programs and activities of the Cultural Center and oversees the implementation of events. Mark was invited to serve on the Board of Governors because of his solid background as a finance executive with marketing and customer service expertise. He has worked and lived in Japan for eight years and is fluent in Japanese. He is comfortable and proficient in working with diverse business cultures and philosophies.

Mark Yamada's integrity, strong work ethic, sense of responsibility, solid financial expertise and sensitivity to diverse cultures make him an excellent candidate to serve on the Board of Directors.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i is a non-profit organization which strives to strengthen our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i.

I urge your Committee to pass GM 398. Thank you for this opportunity to present my testimony in strong support of Mark Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.



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April 12, 2010

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda:

RE: GM 398.
(Hearing: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 pm, Conf Room 329)

I would like to submit supporting testimony for the nomination of Mark Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Mark Yamada for over three years since he started working for Hawaiian Host, Inc. as Vice President of Finance. At Hawaiian Host, Mark is part of the executive management team that is developing new products and packaging for our expanding markets on the U.S. mainland, China and other Asia regions. His international experience has been very helpful as we learn to develop new relationships in these expanding markets.

Although he is relatively young, he has significant experience in many different areas of finance and accounting with start-ups as well as large corporations, both here in Hawaii as well as in Japan. His experience in Japan with high technology companies could be of special benefit to RCUH as it works on diverse projects to assist the University of Hawaii.

Despite his successes in international finance in Japan, Mark and his wife came back to Hawaii because they wanted to raise their children in Hawaii. As part of this, they feel a responsibility to serve the community, in ways like this, to continue to make Hawaii a better place.

We respectfully encourage your favorable consideration.

Aloha,

Dennis Y. Teranishi
Chief Executive Officer

April 9, 2010

Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capital, Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

RE: Governor's Message 398. Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee MARK I. YAMADA

Hearing: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

We request your consideration of our recommendation of Mark Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. Mr. Yamada has the necessary financial technical background, leadership, trust and integrity qualities required to serve as a Director.

We have known and worked with Mr. Yamada as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hawaiian Host, Inc. since early 2007. His company maintains manufacturing facilities not only in Hawaii but also in California and its sales reach is global throughout the Asian Pacific region, including China, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand. The company has been constantly investing its capital in new product development and employing advance technology to maintain state of the art manufacturing.

As you are aware, the last two years have been financially challenging for many companies in Hawaii. His company was no exception from the norm. Mr. Yamada has always been very open with us. He was always willing to listen and consider alternatives proposed by us. He knew that we both must meet the needs of our respective constituencies.

Our working relationship has been based on trust and integrity. We both trusted each other to put forth the best possible recommendations and/or solutions to resolving any financial problems adversely impacting both parties' interests. Open communications have kept us operating together at high integrity levels.

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Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

April 9, 2010

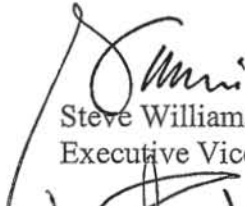
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As Chief Financial Officer, his commitment to continue capital investments through financial dislocation periods has positioned his company well to meet revenue growth and production efficiencies. His long term strategic planning has begun to pay off considerable dividends to the company. It has also enabled the company to react quickly to minimize negative impacts from the difficult economic environment of the past two years.

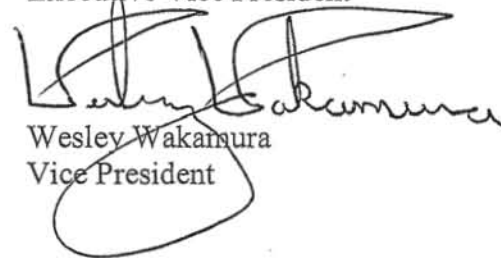
As a Director, Mr. Yamada will be a strong contributor and advisor to the growth and goals of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. His advice and counsel will be invaluable to the organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Williams
Executive Vice President



Wesley Wakamura
Vice President



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RE: Governor's Message 398. Request for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

Hearing: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 329.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

I am writing this letter in support of Mark I. Yamada, in connection with his nomination to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). I have known Mark for close to twenty years. We were formerly members of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce and as such, had worked together on projects related to the Cherry Blossom Festival. Mark was always reliable, responsible and easy to work with. He took his responsibilities seriously without taking himself too seriously, a very uncommon combination of traits.

We both started our careers in public accounting about the same time, in the late 1980's. Our jobs demanded long hours, quality work and building relationships with peers, supervisors and client personnel. All things Mark did well enough to get promoted quickly and earn an opportunity to work and live abroad. Although, we were professional peers, I looked up to Mark as an example of success in a demanding profession.

I did not keep up with Mark during his time in Japan, but we were reconnected when Mark was at Hawaiian Host. Mark joined Hawaiian Host in 2007; in the few short years that he has been there he has once again shown himself to be an integral member of the company, getting promoted from controller to Chief Financial Officer in a short period of time.

I have no doubt that Mark's diverse professional experience will aid him in performing the role and responsibilities of a Board member. He has a sincere desire to contribute to the mission of the RCUH. I believe he will be committed to its vision and will do his best to make Hawaii a place of opportunity for future generations.

I respectfully submit my testimony in support of the confirmation of Mark I. Yamada as a member of the Board of Directors of the RCUH. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deneen Nakashima".

Deneen Nakashima
Tax Senior Manager

April 12, 2010

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Hearing: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 329.


Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

We are writing this letter in support of Mark I. Yamada, in connection with his nomination to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). As professionals in the Hawaii business community, we are writing to express full support for Mark's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the RCUH.

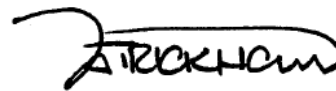
For the past two years, Mark has served as the Chief Financial Officer for Hawaiian Host, Inc., the iconic locally owned candy manufacturer. Grant Thornton LLP is the CPA service provider to Hawaiian Host. We have had the pleasure of working with Mark for the past three years. Despite the economic downturn, his leadership in all aspects of the financial functions of the firm was instrumental in the financial stability and continued successes of the company. With a focus on robust financial and management controls, Mark has developed quality financial practices to assure efficient and effective operations that serve to accomplish Hawaiian Host's goals while still protecting its shareholders, employees and assets.

We believe that Mark will bring his strong sense of corporate financial responsibility and governance to the Board of Directors of the RCUH. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mark's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,



Doreen L. Griffith, Managing Partner



Patrick H. Oki, Partner

April 10, 2010

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 398. Submitting for consideration and confirmation of Mark I. Yamada to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i

HEARING: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 P.M.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Kenneth C. Tietz, a former Vice President of AirTouch-Japan and current Advisor to Gemini Mobile Technologies. I support the nomination of Mark I. Yamada for the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.

I have known and worked with Mr. Yamada for over thirteen years. He is a person who exemplifies integrity, team spirit, leadership, and innovation.

AirTouch was the second largest shareholder in a newly formed wireless company. Mr. Yamada was hired from Coopers and Lybrand to assist AirTouch in the monitoring of the new company's financial matters. He soon gained the trust and confidence of the partners and was able to introduce effective "new to Japan" accounting tools.

The cellular venture was made up of three sister companies. Mr. Yamada was positioned with the leading shareholder Japan Telecom to work to consolidate the three groups. His creative management style and effective teamwork set the process in place. Mr. Yamada was promoted to the Board of Directors of the Kansai affiliate and in this position, he helped guide the final consolidation of the companies.

After his success in Japan, Mr. Yamada moved his growing family back to Hawaii. He joined Gemini Mobile Technologies as Director of Finance & Administration. Gemini was a 2001 start up. Mark worked effectively between Silicon Valley (where the company was headquartered) and Japan to help the company become one of the leading telecommunications vendors in Japan. Having completed his tasks, Mr. Yamada joined his current employer Hawaiian Host.

It goes without saying that Mr. Yamada has a proven track record of success. The Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i will benefit by Mr. Yamada's membership on their board.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth C. Tietz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' at the end.

Kenneth C. Tietz

MICAH A. KANE

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April 12, 2010

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Higher Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, my name is Micah Kane and I am writing in strong support of Governor's Message 398, relating to the appointment of Mr. Mark Yamada to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH).

Mr. Yamada brings tremendous experience to RCUH. His background in business, accounting and finance will be a tremendous asset to the university. His more than 7 years of experience of working in Japan, as well as his diverse business experience will bold well as the university attempts to compete for limited research dollars around the world.

Over the years, I have gotten to know Mr. Yamada quite well and continue to be impressed by his obvious intellect; but equally important, his humility and genuine passion to help people.

I strongly believe that the State of Hawaii is very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Yamada's caliber and background to be willing to serve as a possible Board member of RCUH.

Mahalo for allowing me to express my strong support for Mr. Yamada.

Micah A. Kane

G.M. 398
Confirmation of MARK ITARU YAMADA
Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i
Written Testimony of JoAnn Yosemori

Senate Committee on Higher Education
April 13, 2010

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee: I humbly ask for your consideration and affirmative confirmation of Mark Itaru Yamada to the Board of the Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii; G.M. 398

I have personally known Mark for nearly thirty years and have the utmost respect for him. His educational background clearly shows that he has a strong foundation for this position. His professional career clearly shows that he has the economic knowledge and business insight that will make him an excellent board director. However, more importantly, he demonstrates to people every day that he has a strong work ethic, the highest integrity, and is a dedicated husband, father, and son.

Mark will truly be an asset to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 398.

JoAnn Yosemori P.O.Box 6460, Kaneohe, Hawai'i 96744

April 9, 2010

To The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education and members of the committee

RE: Governor's Message 398. Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:15 pm, Conference Room 329)

My name is Lyle Hendricks, and I am a retired teacher, having taught at Farrington High School for nearly 30 years.

In those 30 years, I have had the privilege of teaching some of Hawaii's finest students. One of my best my Mark Yamada who, not only was an excellent student having graduated at the top of his class, but was also committed for his three years at Farrington to serving school, community, and his fellow students.

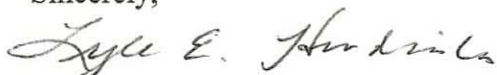
He was chair of the Homecoming Committee which I advised. It was a well organized and run committee. We provide a week full of activities for our students, and he set them up well. The students enjoyed the banner parade and our homecoming fair; and Mark coordinated with the pep squad to have a rousing pep rally. You've never experienced a pep rally until you've attended a Farrington Homecoming Rally. The dance which Mark also had to coordinate came off with great success, made even more enjoyable by our winning the homecoming game.

Mark went on to serve as our Student Council President and created a well working executive team with his good friend Asa Shimabukuro serving as Vice-President. In addition Mark worked well with the Senior Class Council and its President Marlyn Duldulao. He ended his senior year as one of the co-valedictorians of the Class.

I have been in touch with Mark over the years, and I know he continues to serve his community by being an active member of the Honolulu Kiwanis. I've also seen Mark in the role of father to his three sons, and it looks like the Yamada family is full of love and caring.

I highly support Mark's appointment to the RCUH. He has set high standards of community involvement and leadership, indicating the strong values he has for family and community; and he will continue to do so in his membership on the board of RCUH.

Sincerely,



Lyle E. Hendricks