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## **Project Graduation 2024**

**980 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, HI 96761**

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Aloha,

It is hard to believe, but the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Of course, with the end of the school year comes another graduating class of Lahainaluna. The Class of 2024 has shown unbelievable resilience in the face of adversity. They navigated through COVID at the start of their high school journey and began their senior year with the loss of our beloved Lahaina town. These students have had to grow up much too fast in the past few months and we cannot be prouder of them for persevering through these seemingly unsurmountable obstacles in their quest to achieve a high school diploma. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the class of 2024 will follow in the footsteps of so many that went before them, joining the distinguished ranks of Lahainaluna alumni.

Each year, the Lahainaluna Project Graduation Committee, in conjunction with parents and community members, puts together a fun- filled event to honor our graduating seniors, while providing them a safe, drug-free, alcohol-free experience to remember. Nationally, graduation night has been linked to higher rates of underage drinking and driving. The primary goal of Project Graduation is to keep our youth safe and celebrate their accomplishment.

Our Project Grad Committee works hard to ensure that the cost per student is affordable for all, by subsidizing the cost for our students. In addition to keeping the cost of attendance low, we have always been committed to fully covering the fee of any student unable to pay. This year, we anticipate this number to be exceptionally high, as so many in our Lahaina community are suffering. We will not turn away any student that wishes to attend due to a financial hardship.

We make this happen through various fundraising endeavors, including our annual Legacy Cup Golf Tournament. We anticipate this year to be more challenging to secure funding. Many of the community members and businesses we typically rely on to support our efforts have been greatly impacted or completely destroyed by the Lahaina fire.

At this time, we are seeking funding to help us ensure that the Lahainaluna Class of 2024 receives the Project Graduation event that they have earned. Any financial support is greatly appreciated. Our organization is a 501(C)(3) non-profit. (Tax ID #99-0307903) Payments can be made to Lahainaluna High School PTSA, 980 Lahainaluna Rd, Lahaina, HI 96761.

For more information on Project Graduation, donation opportunities, or ways you can support our efforts to keep our graduates safe, please visit our website at <https://www.lahainalunaptsa.org/project-graduation.html>, email us at [lahainalunaptsa@gmail.com](mailto:lahainalunaptsa@gmail.com) or call/text Liz Sager 808-281-5493.

Mahalo,

Lahainaluna Project Graduation Committee