



# Foundation Director Richard Minatoya Gives Back

**Richard Minatoya**  
Foundation Board Member  
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I was born and grew up on the western-most reach of the Cal-Nev-Ha District, the island of Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands. Right before summer 1981, I joined Key Club at my alma mater, Kauai High School. Back then, the practice was: boys joined Key Club and girls joined Keywanettes; you could only join at the end of your freshman year upon the recommendation of a teacher. I remember service projects, Division 22 conventions, and football against

Key clubs from the other two high schools on the island. I became president of the Kauai High School Key Club during my junior year ... our club even had an article on one of our service projects in Kiwanis Magazine (which was then printed in black & white) during my tenure. When I graduated in 1985, one of the scholarships I received was from the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation.

After high school, I attended the University of Southern California. Unfortunately at that time, USC did not have a Circle K Club. I graduated from USC with a BA in economics in 1989, and returned to Hawaii to attend the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I graduated and passed the Hawaii Bar Examination in 1992, but stuck around UH-Manoa for another year to take some graduate classes.



High School Photo

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I returned to Kauai in 1993, where I entered private practice. I always intended to join Kiwanis, so I joined the Kiwanis Club of Kauai that same year, where I served as a Kiwanis advisor for the Kapaa High School Key Club. In 2004-05, I served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Kauai, and the following year, I served as Lt. Governor for Division 22. I subsequently moved to the island of Maui, where I joined the Kiwanis Club of Kahului, Maui, and served as President in 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16; and I currently serve as President for this Kiwanis year.

***I’ve always been grateful for receiving a Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation scholarship.*** In 2012, I was elected to the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation Board of Directors, and was reelected for my second three-year term in 2015. As a director, I always endeavor to support the Foundation’s efforts, not just to help protect children in our district from pediatric trauma, but more important to me, to provide scholarships to our district’s SLP members. I truly hope you will join me in supporting our Foundation. Thank you very much!